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NEW ANTI-INDIAN BILL IN PARLIAMENT

Dictatorial Powers For New Delhi?

No Justification For Undemocratic Measure Even In Wartime, Says Jawahar

DELEGATION, A HUGE JOKE: DEVICE FOR SHELVING INDIAN QUESTION

CALCUTTA, December 21, (A. P. I.): Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru expressed the view that the British Parliamentary delegation to India was a huge joke and a device for shelving the Indian question, at a mammoth public meeting which he addressed tonight at Deshabandhu Park, Calcutta.

He said the British Parliament had been ruling over India for the last 150 years and if it had not been possible for it to know the Indian mind till now, he failed to understand how a delegation sent by it would serve any useful purpose. He considered it derogatory to his own self-respect as well as the self-respect of the Indian Nation that a delegation of this kind should be sent out to India to study the Indian situation.

Pandit Nehru said that if the delegation wanted to meet the Congress leaders, the latter would be prepared to meet the visitors in a friendly spirit. But he doubted whether any good would come out of it as the members of the delegation were coming with the set idea that India was a country of people holding divergent views and ideologies. They would meet some of the Congress leaders, some leaders of the Muslim League, Mr. M. N. Roy, Dr. Ambedkar and some other people and go away carrying an impression which would be far from correct.

UNDEMOCRATIC BILL

Pandit Nehru added that he understood that a bill was coming up before Parliament which would give such power to the Central Government that its actions could not be criticised by any court. There was absolutely no justification for this undemocratic bill even in war time, and much less in days of peace. This measure, Panditji said, was going to be enacted simply to tie the hands of the Congress ministries which, the world knew, would be established after the elections.

But they in India paid little heed to what was being done in England concerning India, added Panditji. The intentions of Britain were well-known to all Indians.

TOWARDS SOCIALISM

Explaining the Congress election manifesto, Pandit Nehru said that if it could be successfully put through, the people of India would be marching with certain and rapid steps towards Socialism.

Pandit Jawaharlal added that the Hindu Mahasabha was hardly a force to be counted as had been shown in the Assembly elections. There could be no truck with the Muslim League which had always opposed the Congress struggle for freedom. The leadership of the League was dominated by landlords and aristocrats. The Communist Party had within its fold, some very able workers, but it was pursuing a wrong policy which had alienated it from the bulk of the Indian people and its policy was doing harm to the country.

BRITISH LEGACY

Addressing himself to British newspapermen, Pandit Nehru said that it had been said in the British-owned press that he was carrying on a violent propaganda against the British Administration in India. It had even been suggested in some quarters that he should be put under arrest. The war that had ended had lasted six years. The British, Germans, French and other nations were were participants in it had suffered untold miseries. But this was only for six years. In India, under 150 years of subjection to the British, they had been undergoing the same sufferings for the whole period. They could not forget this, and Indians had the right to be furious. He had seen the rampant repression carried on all over India after August 1942. It was said that the British lost control of themselves. If so, then Indians too, certainly, had the right to be impatient.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (MARCH)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

Previous Closing	24.66
Today's Opening	24.63
Difference	—03
Today's Closing	24.67
Difference	+01

NIGHT QUOTATIONS
PRIVATE TRADING
BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

	Rs.	As.
Silver	133	0
Gold	82	2
Cotton	424	8

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices.

General Motors dol. 73
Anaconda Copper Mining dol 44-1/8
United States Steel Common dol.80
United States Steel Preference dol. 152-3/4

MORE I.N.A. PRISONERS FOR INDIA

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21, (A. P. I.): Col. S. A. Mallik who took a prominent part in the I. N. A., Capt. M. Z. Kiani, Chief of Staff of the I. N. A., his cousin Capt. I. Z. Kiani also an officer of the I. N. A., and Capt. Raju who was personal physician to Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose have all been brought to India and are at present in detention, it is learned.

Four prominent officials of the Azad Hind Government, namely, Sri Parmanand, Iswar Singh, D. M. Khan and Karim Gani are at present reported to be detained in a Bangkok Prison.

WORSENING OF U. S. STRIKE SITUATION

G. M. Refuses To Show Company's Prices And Profits

NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (Reuter).

The strike situation in the United States took a turn for the worse as the General Motors Corporation threatened to withdraw from the fact-finding commission and the Ford Company's workers rejected the management's wage increase offer.

Officials of the General Motors Corporation announced today their decision to withdraw from the proceedings of the fact-finding commission now holding hearings in Washington if the commission insisted on taking into consideration the company's profits and prices.

The Ford Company's branch of the United Automobile Workers of America formally rejected the management's offer of a 12.4 per cent wage increase.

Both Ford and General Motors workers are asking for a 30 per cent increase.

President Truman today stated that it was essential that the fact-finding commission he appointed for the settlement of industrial disputes should have authority to examine the books of employees.

Mr. Walter G. Merritt, New York lawyer, representing General Motors' management, said that the profits were the company's concern and that prices were a matter for the Office of Price Administration.

Stop Press

ASSEMBLY PARTY POSITION

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—Results of elections to the Central Assembly announced uptodate show that out of 102 elected seats, 97 have been filled, comprising 55 Congress, 27 Muslim League, five Independents, Eight Europeans and two Akali Sikhs. All the five independents are landholders.

According to present indications, the main Opposition parties will be two, namely, the Congress and the Muslim League, and the Nationalists who formed the third opposition party, will cease to exist in the New House.

FUTURE OF JUSTICE PARTY TO BE DISCUSSED

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—The Justice Party Executive had decided to convene a special confederation at Madras on January 6 to take stock of the situation and to consider the Party's future. This was announced by Sir P. T. Rajan, Leader of the Party, addressing a public meeting.

ATOM SQUATTERS

Ending Civil War In China

Peace-makers To Meet On Christmas Day

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21, (Reuter): Thirty-eight Chinese politicians, philosophers and professors, editors and educationists, scholars and students, bankers and industrialists will sit down in Chungking to work out peace for 450 million Chinese on or about Christmas Day—nine years after Gen. Chiang-Kai-Shek's release from captivity in Sian where he was kidnapped by young Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang.

The long-delayed Inter-Party Political Consultative Council—the only machinery capable of ending civil war in China to-day—is ready to meet, cables Reuter's special correspondent.

The delegates—37 men and one woman, representing the Kuomintang, the Communist Party, the Democratic League and the Young China Party—are already in Chungking. One of the non-party non-group delegates has still to be named.

The Government has set aside two houses for the Communist delegation.

SOME PROBLEMS

Problems to be studied by the Council include convocation of China's constitution-drafting body, the National Assembly; a coalition Government spelling the end of the one-party Kuomintang rule; a unified military command; and appointment of Governors.

COMMUNIST PROPOSAL FOR ARMISTICE

CHUNGKING, Dec. 21. (A.P.A.): A Communist spokesman to-day asserted the Communists would put in writing formally and officially their proposal for immediate unconditional armistice, with troops on both sides "frozen" at their present positions.

U. S. TROOPS WILL QUIT INDIA

SINGAPORE, Dec. 20 (U.P.A.)—The American Commander of the India-Burma Theatre, Major General Terry, today said that Americans will withdraw from India just as soon as surplus property there, is disposed of.

He said that there would be approximately 50,000 Americans in the theatre on January 1, compared with 172,000 last September. 50,000 have also been shuttled through the theatre homeward bound from China in that time.

Meanwhile, there are indications that American forces are no longer operating under S.E.A.C. command.

QUOTA CLOTH VANISHES

COLOMBO, Dec. 20, (U.P.A.): Ceylon's Textile Controller, Mr. Edmund Rodrigo, left for India by plane to clear up the situation arising out of a wide disparity which has been detected between the official returns of textiles released for Ceylon from India and the quantity of cloth actually received in Ceylon.

The disparity is said to amount to several hundred thousand yards of cloth. The matter seems to be shrouded in mystery.

Immediately the difference between the Customs Figures and the actual quantity of cloth received was discovered representations were made to India, but the Indian Government replied that the full quota of textiles for the period concerned had been released.

While in India, Mr. Rodrigo will also discuss with the Indian authorities the procedure followed in the export of textiles from India to Ceylon.

JAMNAGAR TELEPHONE LINK

BOMBAY, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—Trunk telephone communication between British Indian Post Office at Jamnagar and the other parts of India was opened this morning. His Highness the Jamsahib of Navanagar spoke to Mr. Krishna Prasad, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs today.

Patton Dead

HEIDELBERG, Dec. 21, (A. P.A.): Gen. George S. Patton died tonight.

The text of the official announcement said: "Gen. Patton died at 17.50 tonight, it was announced by Brigadier Gen. John M. Willen, Chief of Staff of the 7th Army. The general died peacefully."

MOTHER TONGUE AS ALTERNATIVE TO ENGLISH

COLOMBO, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—The introduction of the mother tongue as an alternative to English as the medium of instruction at the Universities has been decided upon by the Inter-University Board of India, Burma and Ceylon at its twenty-first annual session at the University Hall, Colombo.

This would make available mother tongue instruction to any student who may prefer it to English. It is pointed out that this has been agreed upon as a temporary measure so as to give time for the change-over from English to mother tongue as medium of instruction.

LAHORE, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): Ghiasuddin, a musician from Bombay who arrived in Lahore yesterday, was found dead in his bed this morning in a local hotel.

The police took possession of the body and sent it for post mortem examination.

Persian Note To Moscow

Demand For Evacuation Of All Foreign Troops

PARIS, Dec. 21, (A.P.A.): The Government of Iran wants the Conference of Foreign Ministers in Moscow to decide in favour of the immediate evacuation of all foreign troops from her soil the Iranian Legation announced today.

The statement was contained in a communique stating that the Legation had sent two notes to the United States, Britain and Russia within the past week.

The communique pointed out that the 1942 treaty, between Britain, Russia and Iran, provided that the first two powers consult the Iranian Government on all matters affecting their country particularly the evacuation of alien troops.

Friendly Atmosphere Continues At Moscow Conference

MOSCOW, Dec. 21 (Reuter): As the Foreign Ministers in Moscow prepared for their sixth session this afternoon, an informed American source emphasised that developments to date have been "positive" and very friendly atmosphere continues, reports Eric Downton, Reuter's Correspondent.

According to this American source, papers have been exchanged on the wide scope of the subjects and whatever obstacles exist, were there before the Conference and have not arisen since it started.

According to well-informed quarters in London, talks between the Foreign Ministers on Atomic Energy are believed to be going well, writes Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent.

Russia, it is thought, may feel unable to become a sponsor, with the Anglo-American Powers of the Washington proposal to set up a United Nations Atomic Energy Commission when the United Nations General Assembly meets in January. At the same time it is felt that she is unlikely to obstruct the idea and may become a member of the Commission.

The present indications are that the conversations are likely to keep Mr. Bevin and Mr. Byrnes in Moscow over the Christmas.

ASAF ALI DEVELOPS TEMPERATURE

MADRAS, Dec. 21. (A.P.I.): Mr. Asaf Ali who has not been quite fit since his arrival in Madras, developed slight temperature yesterday evening. This morning he was examined by Dr. T. S. S. Rajan who advised him complete rest for the day, but owing to his eagerness to get through the work, Mr. Asaf Ali is keeping up his programme for to-day. He has cut down all other engagements to the barest minimum.

ASAF ALI CONFERS WITH MADRAS LEADERS

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): In spite of his indisposition, Mr. Asaf Ali met a number of visitors today in bed.

NO CONFIDENCE IN RAJAJI?

A group of Congress workers from the city numbering about 40 lead by Mr. A. K. Chanrasekhara Mudaliar was the last to interview. They are understood to have told Mr. Asaf Ali that they had no confidence in Rajaji and his supporters as they opposed the August resolution.

Mr. Asaf Ali's discussions with the Tamilnad Congressmen are practically over except that he has still to hear another section of Salem workers who are questioning the validity of Rajaji's election to the T.N.C.C. by the Tiruchengode Congress Committee.

"PAKISTAN IN ISOLATION", AGAINST BEST INTERESTS OF MUSLIMS

Nurie's Call To Maharashtra Nationalist Muslims To Rally Under Congress Flag

POONA, Dec. 21 (API): A resolution asserting that "Pakistan in isolation" as defined by Mr. M. A. Jinnah was against the best interests of Muslims of India as a whole and the country was adopted unanimously today at a conference of Nationalist Muslims of Maharashtra held in the Congress House under the presidentship of Mr. M. Y. Nurie, former Minister. A number of delegates from Maharashtra and Karnatak attended the Conference.

The Conference which will continue to-morrow to consider the election programme appointed a committee of 11 persons to work in co-operation with the Provincial Congress Committee's sub-committee to work for Hindu-Muslim unity.

Mr. Nurie in his presidential address said that Pakistan would only create greater difficulties and hardships for the Muslims of India. Pakistan or no Pakistan, Muslims in minority provinces such as Bombay would have to live together with Hindus and it was in their interests, therefore, to unite and work together with Hindus. He characterised the Muslim League as a body of Nawabs and title-holders who were more interested in serving the British Government than winning the freedom of the country and bettering the lot of Muslims.

Mr. Nurie appealed to the Muslims to rally round the Congress which, he said, was the only organisation fighting to win the independence of the country for its people.

Mr. A. G. Lunge, convenor of the Conference, said that in his tour of the various districts of Maharashtra, he had found that the Muslims appreciated the Congress point of view and loved the Congress as much as the Hindus. At many places, he said, Muslims who were eligible to vote for the Central Assembly, were sorry that they could not vote for the Congress candidates Mr. Gadgil and Mr. Hirey. The artificial difference between Hindus an Muslims which the Muslim League sought to create was nowhere to be found in villages and ween Hindus and Muslims which the nitely against the idea of Pakistan.

Allied Withdrawal From Levant States

British And French Governments' Statement Of Policy

LONDON, Dec. 21, (Reuter): The following texts represent statements of policy regarding joint withdrawal of British and foreign troops from the Levant states and desirability of contributing to the welfare of the Middle East as a whole which has been agreed to by the British and French Governments.

They were communicated in an exchange of letters between the British principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the French Ambassador dated December 13:

"British and French military experts will meet at Beirut on December 21, 1945 to draw up dtails of a programme for evacuation of the Levant States with a corresponding regrouping of forces.

One of the subjects of this discussion will be to fix a very early date on which the withdrawal will begin.

It is understood that evacuation of Syria will be carried out 'pari passu' in such a way as to be completed at the same time by the British and the French Forces.

PROGRAMME OF EVACUATION

The programme of evacuation will be drawn up in such a way that it will ensure maintenance in the Levant of sufficient forces to guarantee security until such time as the United Nations Organisation has decided on an organisation of collective security in this zone.

Until these arrangements have been carried out, the French Government will retain the forces regrouped in the Lebanon. The British Government and the French Government will inform the Lebanese and Syrian governments of details of the evacuation and will invite these governments to appoint as soon as possible representatives empowered to discuss dispositions to be jointly agreed upon as a result of these decisions. The discussions will also deal with measures to be taken in order to enable the Lebanese and Syrian Governments to discharge their duty of maintaining order.

The Provincial Government of the Fnch Republic and the British Government having examined the situation in the Middle East declare that they are animated by the same intention to do what is required of them to ensure that independence which has been promised to the countries in question shall be assured and respected.

The two Governments are agreed that it is in their mutual interest to promote in collaboration with other Governments the economic wellbeing of the peoples of this region in conditions of peace and security. They will exchange information as may be required regarding the best means by which this object may be attained.

EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

It is their desire that by such exchanges of information they may be able to avoid divergencies of policy which might impair their mutual interests.

Each Government affirms its intention of doing nothing to supplant the interests or responsibilities of the other in the Middle East having full regard to the political status of the countries in question.

It is in this spirit that they will examine any proposals submitted to the United Nations Organisation on the subject of collective security.

ANGLO-AMERICAN INQUIRY COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON Dec. 21, (A.P.A.): The British-American Committee of Inquiry on Palestine will open hearings in Washington on January 7, United States Chairman Judge William Hutcheson announced today.

Hutcheson said arrangements for the meeting were completed yesterday in a telephone conversation with Sir John Singleton, the British Chairman.

He said it was decided that the British Commissioners would come to Washington for the first sessions and then the whole Committee would meet in London before starting their inspection tour.

Hutcheson said that various interested groups, including Jews, Arabs and Christians, had been invited to submit their views to the Committee.

DECOYED BY LEAGUERS!

LAHORE, Dec. 21, (U.P.I.): A story how an attempt was made to prevent him from withdrawing his candidature from the Outer Lahore Constituency in the Provincial Elections in favour of the official Ahrar candidate, and how he was offered a blank cheque by Muslim Leaguers if he stood on the League ticket, is related by Mian Fazal Illahi, an independent candidate, in a statement to the Press.

He says that he was decoyed to a place in Lahore on some pretext and detained there upto four p.m.

He was then taken to his brother's residence in Nawankot, a suburb of Lahore where he found a group of League leaders. "They offered me a blank cheque along with a League ticket to stand from my constituency", he adds.

Indirect Subsidy For Indian Airways?

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21: The question of giving indirect subsidy to Indian airway companies is believed to be under discussion here. Two companies at present operating are the Tatas and the Indian National Airways. According to reports the companies demand minimum guarantee of 65 per cent of load—passengers and postal on every daily service.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY—SIND

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 21-1-1946 for selection of two candidates for training in forestry at the Edinburgh University. The training will last for two years and the expenses will be defrayed by Government. Pay:—Rs. 200-900, plus war allowance, if admissible. AGE.—Ordinarily not less than 19 and not more than 23 years on 1-10-1946. QUALIFICATIONS:—Second class B.Sc. (Hons.) in two subjects out of Chemistry, Physics, Botany and Zoology or an equivalent degree and fitness for outdoor work. Candidates should have covered Physics, Chemistry, Botany and Zoology in their intermediate and degree courses. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and on payment of rupee one either in cash in the office of the Commission or by an uncrossed Indian Postal Order in favour of the "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission," Bombay, who will also supply full details on request.

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ORDER

Finance Department (Supply)
Bombay Castle, 18th December, 1945.

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES

No. 32/IV-D.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Bombay Charcoal Trade Licensing Order, 1944, as follows, namely:—

After clause 6 of the said Order the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"6-1A PRODUCER TO COMPLY WITH DIRECTIONS FOR CUTTING AND REMOVING TREES IN FOREST.—Every person who holds a charcoal producer's licence under this Order shall comply with such directions as may from time to time be given to him by the licensing authority or the officer designated by it in this behalf regulating the manner in which he shall cut and remove trees in any forest which he is otherwise entitled to cut and remove for producing charcoal."

With reference to sub-rule (1) of rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that notice of the above Order should be given by

(a) the publication of the same in the Bombay Government Gazette;
(b) issue of a press note summarising and explaining its provisions;
(c) the publication of the same in the following newspapers;
(1) Times of India, (2) Bombay Chronicle, (3) Free Press Journal, (4) Morning Standard, (5) Navakal, (6) Vividha Vritta, (7) Jame-Jamshed, (8) Bombay Samachar, (9) Mumbai Vartaman, (10) Samyukta Karnatak, (11) Kesari, (12) Dnyan Prakash, (13) Ajmel, (14) Roznam-e-Khilafat;
(d) affixing copies of the same to notice boards in revenue offices in the Districts and by announcing by beat of drum that copies have been so affixed; and
(e) supplying copies thereof to the following Associations:—
(1) Retail Charcoal Dealers' Association, Kamathi Chawl No. 2, Room No. 6, Standard Mill Lane, New Prabhadevi Road, Bombay 13;
(2) The Bombay Charcoal Merchants' Association, Coal Depot, Sewree, Bombay 15;
(3) The Bombay Suburban Retail Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Association, Juhu Road, Vile Parle, B.S.D.;
(4) The Thana Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Association, Thana;
(5) The Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Licence Holders' Association, Thana;
(6) The Firewood and Charcoal Merchants' Association, Kalyan, District Thana;
(7) The Vapi, Pardi and Bulsar Timber Firewood and Charcoal Merchants' Association. Station Road, Surat.
(8) The Poona Charcoal Depot. 434, Raviwarpeth, Poona City;
(9) The Poona Fuel Merchants. Association, Laxmi Narayan Market, Poona;
(10) The Broach Charcoal Merchants' Association, Kotopore Bazar, Broach;
(11) The Charcoal Merchants' Union, Jambusar, Dist Broach.
(12) The Ahmednagar Coal Merchants' Association, Ahmednagar.

By order of the
Governor of Bombay,
A. D GORWALA,
Secretary to Government.
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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED before 4-2-46 for post of LECTURER IN CIVIL ENGINEERING, COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, POONA. PAY.—Rs. 170-500 for men and Rs. 170-350 for women, plus war allowance. AGE.—Not less than 23 and ordinarily not more than 30 years on 1-4-1946 except for Bombay Government servants. Upper limit may be relaxed. QUALIFICATIONS. (i) Degree in Civil Engineering, (ii) (a) about four years' experience in responsible position in connection with design or execution of large Civil Engineering Works and one year's experience of teaching Civil Engineering subjects in first grade College OR (b) about five years' such teaching experience. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas stamps and UNCROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission, Bombay," who will supply full details on request. 5970

POLICE NOTICE

VICTORY CELEBRATIONS, 24TH DECEMBER, 1945

Invitees in possession of invitation cards for Blocks "A", "B" "C", "D", "E" and "J" will proceed to the Brabourne Stadium via Marine Drive and Dinsha Wachha Road, and will enter the Stadium via the small entrance near the Governor's Pavilion. Members of the Cricket Club of India and their guests will also use this same route and enter the Club House via the Club House entrance. All cars will be parked on Dinsha Wachha Road and Marine Drive. No special arrangements can be made for owner-driven cars.

Invitees in possession of invitation cards for Blocks "F", "G", "H" and "I" will proceed via Churchgate Street and enter the Stadium at the main Churchgate Street entrance. The north stand of the Stadium will be open, without admission cards, to members of the public who will use the Churchgate Street entrance. All cars and vehicles will be parked on the North side of Churchgate Street and the West side of Marine Drive. Those arriving by car are advised to walk from the parking places to the entrance.

The stands on the West side of the Stadium will be available for Service personnel and their families, who will use the Marine Drive entrance.

All invitees are advised to be in their seats before 3-30 a.m., otherwise they are likely to be seriously delayed and find themselves unable to reach the seats allotted to them.

H. E. BUTLER,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 20th December, 1945.
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In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913 and In the matter of Messrs DARASHAH VITHALDAS & Co., Limited

(In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 208 E of the Indian Companies Act of 1913 that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 22, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on the 2nd day of February, 1946, at 3 p.m. (S.T.) for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding up has been completed and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing an explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also determining by an extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books of accounts, documents etc., of the company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1945.

D. D. SHROFF,
Liquidator.
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In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913 and In the matter of NARIMAN TULSIDAS & Co., (Gold Mohur Cloth) LTD.

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NOTICE

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of a portion of the Policy No 20357 of the East & West Insurance Co., Ltd., Bombay on the life of Mr. Abdul Habib Dadabhoy being torn and lost, a duplicate policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within a fortnight from this date.

C. S. VYAS.
Secretary.
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BOMBAY PORT TRUST

SEALED TENDERS are invited by the Chief Engineer, Bombay Port Trust, for the supply on hire, bullocks and drivers with and without carts for twelve months commencing from 1st April, 1946 to 31st March, 1947.

CONDITIONS of Contract, schedule of quantities and form of tender can be obtained from the office of the Chief Engineer on payment of Rs. 5/- per set.

No tender will be considered which is not made on the prescribed form and which is not accompanied by a deposit of Rs 1,000/- by crossed cheque as earnest money. The deposit will be returned to unsuccessful tenderers.

Tenders will be received upto 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Tuesday 15th January, 1946.

F. M. SURVEYOR,
Chief Engineer.
Ballard Road, Fort, Bombay.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that in connection with the Victory Parades to be held on the 24th December, 1945, the following roads will be CLOSED to all vehicular traffic and reserved for a public purpose during the time specified.

From 7-30 a.m. until the Foot Parade has passed out of the Brabourne Stadium grounds.

(a) Queen's Road from Wodehouse Bridge to its junction with Churchgate Street.

From 9 a.m. until the Foot Parade has returned to Marine Lines Maidan.

(b) JAMSHEDJI TATA ROAD, CHURCHGATE STREET from its junction with Jamshedji Tata Road to its junction with Mayo Road, Mayo Road from its junction with Churchgate Street to its junction with Mahatma Gandhi Road.
MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD from its junction with Mayo Road to Dhobi Talao;
KALBADEVI ROAD,
PYDHONI ROAD from its junction with Ebrahim Rahimtoola Road to its junction with Mohomedali Road.
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DHOBI TALAO.

From 9-45 a.m. until 11 a.m.

(c) Mayo Road from Band Stand to its junction with Churchgate Street.

This order is made under Section 23 (4) of the Bombay City Police Act IV of 1902.

H. E. BUTLER,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office:
Bombay, 18th December, 1945.
5975

G. I. P. RAILWAY SPECIAL NOTICE EXPRESS GOODS SERVICE BETWEEN WADI BUNDER AND POONA

THE PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that an Express Goods Service has been introduced between Wadi Bunder and Poona. The train is scheduled to complete the journey from Wadi Bandar to Poona in about 6 hours during the night so that goods loaded at Wadi Bandar during the day become available for delivery at Poona Goods Shed on the following morning.

To obtain the maximum benefit from this Express Service consignors are requested to tender consignment notes for goods for Poona at Wadi Bandar before 14-00 hours.

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In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII of 1913 And In the matter of Messrs. MORARJI DARASHAH & Co., LIMITED

(In voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 208 E of the Indian Companies Act of 1913 that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 22, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on the 2nd day of February, 1946 at 3 P. M. (S. T.) for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding up has been completed and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing an explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also determining by an extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books of accounts, documents etc. of the company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1945.

D. D. SHROFF,
Liquidator.
5993

OPEN PLOT FOR SALE

OFFERS ARE INVITED FOR the purchase of a valuable plot of vacant land, about 250 sq. Yds. at Khand Bazar, Mandvi, Bombay. An attractive site for shops and godowns. For particulars, apply to Messrs. Bhaishanker Kanga and Girdharlal, Solicitors, Albert Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. 5986

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the posts of Professors, Lecturers, Demonstrators and other staff for the new Intermediate Arts and Science College, affiliated to the University of Bombay, to be started at Andheri in June, 1946. Salary according to qualifications. Apply stating qualifications and experience to the Hon Registrar, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Chowpatty Road, Bombay-7, by 31st inst.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SALEBHAI ISUFALLI and FAZLE HOOSEINBHAI ISUFALLI, both of Bombay have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof of any nature whatsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our Office No. 14K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any will be considered as waived.

All that piece of quit and ground Rent land (since redeemed) together with the dwelling house standing thereon, situate at the Junction of Doctor Street and Khara Tank, Bombay, admeasuring one hundred and three square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Collector's Number in last Rent Roll 8420, Number in the Collector's Rent Roll 3345, Laughton's Survey No. 4246 and Cadastral Survey No. 4199 of Bhuleshwar Division and bounded on the East by the said Doctor Street, on the West by the property of Sullemanji Moti, on the North by Mosque and on the South by the said Khara Tank Road and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor & Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward 5 (c), Ward No. 7069 and Street No. 96 to 110, 62 to 64, Doctor Street and Khara Tank and are now in the occupation of the Vendors and their tenants.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1945.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.
5972

NOTICE

BHAGWANDAS KHUSHALDAS PAREKH has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. ALL PERSONS having any claims against the same are required to communicate to the undersigned at 41-45, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

Land at Gunbow Street, admeasuring 12 square yards, bearing Collector's New No. 5431, New Survey No. 9239, Cadastral Survey No. 339 of Fort Division Together With a shop standing thereon, bearing Municipal 2A Ward No. 1850, Street No. 26 and bounded on the North by Cadastral Survey No. 335 of Fort Division, on the South by Gunbow Street, on the West by Cadastral Survey No. 338 of Fort Division and on the East by Cadastral Survey No. 340 o Fort Division.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1945.

MINOCHEHER MANCHERSHAH HIRALAL & CO.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
5974

IN THE HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.
IN INSOLVENCY.
NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF DIVIDEND.

The Official Assignee of Bombay has declared a dividend in the following estates as per particulars mentioned below. The dividend will be paid on and after the 10th day of January 1946 to those creditors who have proved their claims. The dividend warrants will be posted to the addresses of the creditors as appearing in the records of this office.

Serial No.	Insolvency No.	Name of the insolvent.	Dividend declared.	Rate of dividend declared in the rupee. Rs	As, Ps.
1.	95 of 1942	Ebrahim Nathu & Gaffer Ebrahim	First.	1	3
2.	108 „ 1943	Mustafa Shareef alias S. M. Shareef.	do	0	1
3.	10 „ 1944	Emanuel Noshan Sampson.	do	0	7
4.	77 „ „	Chandrashekhar Krishanlal Trivedi	do	0	3
5.	369 „ 1933	Mahomedbhai Faizulabhai	First & Final.	0	7/12
6.	736 „ 1936	Vasantrao Dwarkanath Kamat.	do	12	0
7.	81 „ 1942	Amrit Kashinath Gupte.	do	1	5
8.	393 „ 1938	Kalyan Jiwan Mistry.	Second.	1	6
9.	120 „ 1939	Alfred Sam Gabriel.	Second & Final.	1	5
10.	135 „ „	Vithal Kanoba Zarapkar.	do	0	2 1/3
11.	206 „ „	Alan Patrick Quinn.	do	2	6
12.	247 „ „	Hiralal Chunilal.	do	0	8
13.	273 „ „	Subramania Muthuswamy Iyer.	do	2	11
14.	73 „ 1941	Vishwanath Ganesh Patwardhan	Third.	0	3
15.	146 „ „	James Smith	do	0	6
16.	17 „ „	John Sterling.	Third & Final.	3	3
17.	794 „ 1936	Nusserwanji Byramji Motiwala.	Fifth	0	1½
18.	420 „ 1926	Akbarally Tajbhoy Thaverbhoy Dawoodi Vora traded as "A. T Thaverbhoy"	Supplementary and Final	1	6 2/3

Bombay, dated this 20th day of December, 1945.
Official Assignee's Office,
High Court, Bombay.

G. G. MAHADEVIA,
Official Assignee of Bombay
5987

LEGAL NOTICES

AUCTION SALE OF A VALUABLE AND DESIRABLE PROPERTY (INCLUDING VACANT LAND) AT BREACH CANDY, WARDEN ROAD, BOMBAY.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction
Suit No. 1650 of 1943.

J. K. JASSAWALLA and Another. Plaintiffs.
vs.
C. B. JASSAWALLA and Others. Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Consent Decree, dated the 6th August, 1945, the following immoveable properties will be sold by Public Auction in one lot in the first instance and failing that in two lots by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court on the premises at Breach Candy, Warden Road, on MONDAY, 14th January, 1946, at 4 p.m. (S. T.).

PARTICULARS

LOT I.—ALL THAT piece of Pension and Tax land, admeasuring 2,675 Sq. Yards with the structures thereon at Breach Candy Warden Road, Bombay, and known as "Rustom Fram Hall", bearing Collector's Old No. 344 and New No. 2179, Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey No. 7101 and Cadastral Survey No. 3/770 of Malbar and Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3528(1) and Street No. 47A.

LOT II.—ALL THAT piece of Pension and tax land, admeasuring 956 Sq. Yards with the structures thereon at Breach Candy Warden Road, Bombay and known as "Jerbanoo Hall" bearing Collector's Old No. 344 and New No. 2179 and Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey No. 7101 and Cadastral Survey No. 770 of Malbar and Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3528 (2) and Street No. 47.

VACANT LAND AT THE REAR OF "JERBANOO HALL"

ALL that vacant land admeasuring 513 Sq. Yards at Breach Candy, Warden Road, Bombay, bearing Collector's Old No. 344, New Survey No. 2179, Old Survey No. 81 and New Survey No. 7101 and Cadastral Survey No. 4/770 of Malbar and Cumballa Hill Division and Municipal D Ward No. 3528.

Vacant possession of the properties will be given on completion of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale, application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the office of Messrs. PATELL & EZEKIEL, Attorneys for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Defendants abovenamed at Whiteaway Laidlaw Building Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 6th day of December, 1945.

(Sd.) ARMAND F. SEQUEIRA,
Commissioner.
5969

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF MOTOR TRUCK PARTS AND MISCELLANEOUS STORES.
SALE WILL BE AT 10 A.M. (S.T.)

Under instructions from the Controller of Supplies (Disposals) Branch, Bombay, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., Auctioneers, will sell by public auction on Thursday the 27th and Friday the 28th December, 1945 at 10 A.M. (S.T.) both days respectively at Port Salvage Depot, Haji Bunder, the undermentioned:—

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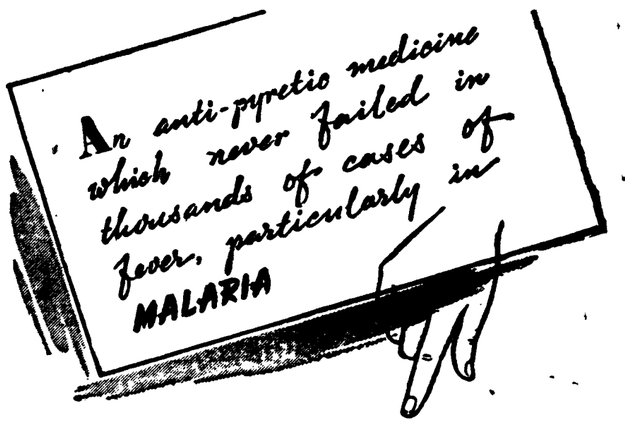

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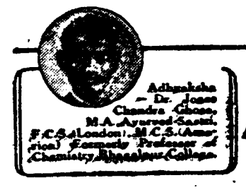

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4th Race: Naseeb 1; Cote d'Azur 2; Star Of Sirohi 3.
5th Race: Windsor Way 1; Dandy 2; Paramount 3.
6th Race: Odds On 1; Orange Flower 2; Hidden Treasure 3.
7th Race: Yeshwant 1; Paymaster 2; Sunbathing 3.
8th Race: Maah Para 1; Carefree 2; Birthday Morn 3.
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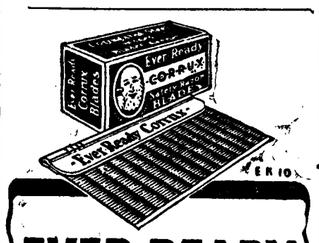

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MEMORIAL TO FAMOUS KANNADA ACTOR

Classical Dramas To Be Staged In Bombay

The Varadachar Memorial Art Association of Bangalore has decided to put on boards a series of classical dramas in Kanarese at Bombay and Poona commencing from today at the Damodar Thackersy Hall Parel. These functions have been arranged with a view to augment the building fund initiated to perpetuate the memory of the great dramatic artist, late Natakasiromani A. V. Varadachar.

As an original actor he was not only without an equal on the Kannada stage during his life time, but also after his death, and to this day he has remained a unique model. His musical talents were no less. He put the Kannada stage on a firm foundation. His remarkable acting brought him tributes from distinguished critics like Rabindranath Tagore and Dr. Annie Besant.

It is proposed to construct an up-to-date memorial hall in the city of Bangalore with the best equipment for staging dramas and to open an Art Gallery together with an institution for training people in Dramatic Art.

Among the prominent disciples and actors who have offered their assistance to make these functions a great success are Abinaya Visharada G. Nagesh Rao, gifted comedian M. G. Mari Rao, Srimathi Keerthana Kokila Pandari Bai, Meenakshi Madhugiri, Mitravinda and Kumari Mainavathi.

"Shakuntala", first of the series of dramas, will be staged to-day at 4 p.m. at the Damodar Thackersey Hall Parel. In the same theatre, "Nirupama" will be staged on the 25th Dec., "Manmatha-Vijaya" on the 30th Dec., "Nichiketa" on 1st January and "Markandeya" on the 5th January 1946.

FAREWELL ADDRESS TO RETIRING JUDGE

A farewell reference was made by the Advocate-General on behalf of the Original Side Bar, and the Government Pleader on behalf of the Appellate Side Bar, to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Divatia who is due to retire when he sat for the last time on the bench of the Bombay High Court on Friday.

Tributes were paid to his work both on the bench as well as at the Bar The Government Pleader mentioned that while Mr. Justice Divatia was at the Bar prior to his elevation to the bench, there was not a single important case from Gujarat in which he had not appeared.

Replying to the farewell addresses, Mr. Justice Divatia stated that if the Bar felt that he had contributed in some measure to the reputation which the Bombay High Court had established as the temple of justice it was a matter of great satisfaction for him. He further stated that whatever its justification in the past, the dual system of Original Side Bar and Appellate Side Bar was an anachronism which should be abolished while preserving the distinction prevailing on the Original Side between attorneys and advocates which had its utility as well as its efficiency.

MALAYALAM DRAMA: In aid of Abdur Reheman Memorial Committee "Idium Minnalum" will be staged at Damodar Thackersey Hall Parel, at 8.15 p. m. today tickets available at Bombay Keraleeya Samaj, 81 Hindu Colony, Dadar. Special tram arrangements will be made for Girgaum and Kings Circle residents after the drama.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

SATURDAY, Dec. 22.
BOMBAY—1.

224 M. (1,231 kc/s)—8.0 a.m. News (H) 8.15 News (E) 8.30 Shaukat Ali 8.45 Rajen Sarkar 8.50 News (M) 9-0 News (G) 9.10 Programme Parade 9.15 Gokulibai Kakodkar 9.45 Pads (M). 12.30 p.m. Stage Songs 12.45 News (M) 12.50 News (G) 12.55 News (H) 1.0 Light Selections 1.30 News (E) 1.40 Lunch Music (E) 2.0 You Asked for It (E) 2.30 Saturday at Two Thirty 4.20 Children's Programme (G) 5.0 N. R. Bhattacharya 5.25 Indirabai Khadilkar 5145 Topical Talk 5155 Locals 6.0 Children's Half-Hour (H) 6-30 News (E) 6.40 News (H) 6.45 Ramanlal M. Dave 7.0 Shaukat Ali 7.15 Indirabai Khadilkar 7-30 Sham Sardesai 8.0 Kritanek Namaskar 8.10 Musical Interlude 8.15 News (M) 8.30 News (G) 8-45 For the Universities Talk by M. R. Masani 9.0 News (H) 9.20 News (E) 9-30 B. B. C. News 9.40 Indirabai Khadilkar 10-0 Scenes from Hamlet Harin Chattopadhyaya 10.30 Gokulibai Kakodkar.

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Hightide: 2-17, 14-08
Lowtide: 8-28, 20-02

Domestic Occurrence

(DEATH)

BABU "NILMANI SIKDAR" (Jeweller) President of the Bengalee Association Bombay an old prominent and Philanthropic Bengalee expired on Friday at 4-30 p m. (Calcutta papers to note).

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Discourse in Marathi on Jnaneshwari at 4-30 p m today by Sri D. V. Sabnis.

JT. MEETING OF "G" WARD AND SUBURBAN D. C. Cs.: At 8-30 p m today at Noor Building, Opp. Dadar (B. B. and C.I.) to make necessary arrangements for the coming Panel Election for Scheduled Castes and the Provincial elections.

PEOPLES' EDUCATION SOCIETY: "Physical Day" in the Maharashtra High School, Lower Parel at 5-30 p m today Sheth Charandas Meghji Mathuradas to preside.

ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING: Of the Training College at 4 p m today at the Society's Malbari Memorial Hall, Harvey Road, Gamdevi, Mr. B. G. Kher will preside.

SOUTH INDIAN EDUCATION SOCIETY'S HIGH SCHOOL, MATUNGA: Annual sports at 2 p m today on the Indian Gymkhana Grounds opposite the school. Mr. Behram N. Karanjia will preside.

ISMAIL YUSUF COLLEGE UNION: Tenth Brabourne Inter-Collegiate Elocution Trophy Competition will be held in the College Hall, (Jogeshwari) at 3-30 p m tomorrow the Chief Justice will preside.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DAY: At 5 p m today Joint celebration by Robert Money High School, Union High School, D. G. T. High School and Ram Mohan English School on the Robert Money School Ground, Proctor Road. Dr. G. S. Krishnayya will speak.

MODERN SCHOOL STUDENTS' COUNCIL: Annual Sports on the Wilson College Ground, Kennedy-Sea-Face, at 4 p m today.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE. Free public lecture by Dr. Sethna on 'Electro-chemistry' in Gujarati' in the Royal Institute of Science, Ground Floor at 4 p m today.

HUME HIGH SCHOOL PAST STUDENT'S ASSOCIATION: First annual social gathering under the presidentship of Mr. G. Ross Thomas at 6 p m today at the School Hall.

RAMAKRISHNA MISSION: Religious discourses will be held by Swami Sambuddhanandaji of Ramakrishna Mission today at 3 p m (S.T). On Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescott Road, Fort. And also at 5 p m at Ramakrishna Vivekananda Centre, Dadar.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY: Indian Concert at Sir Pherozshah Mehta Garden from 5-0 to 7-0 p m (today) by Sangit Ratna Tan Talwar Ebrahim Dattobhoy.

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Exhibition of health education and cultural talkie films at Park, along Mahim Station Road, at 6-30 p m today.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: Free Exhibition of health and cultural talkie films exclusively for ladies at 8 p m today at Rohimtulla Currimbhai Urdu Boys' School, Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim.

SARASWATI AMATEURS: The dramatic programme at Talmakiwadi fixed for tonight (Saturday) has been postponed 'sine die'.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY: concert of Mrs. Hirabai Barodekar at 9.30 p.m. today at Wagle Hall, Kandewadi and not on Sunday December 22 as erroneously printed on the Invitation Cards.

IDEAL MUSIC CLUB (Dadar): A concert of classical music by Master Krishnarao Fulambrikar of Poona at 10 p m today at Kittee Bhandari Hall Gokhale Road North Dadar.

COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF BOMBAY: As there were only three candidates namely Dr. Jivraj Mehta Dr. C. Coutinho and Dr. M. D. D. Glider for the forthcoming annual election of three members to the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Bombay, they were declared elected and consequently no meeting of the Fellows of the College will take place on January 11, as previously notified.

BALKANJI BARI: Mr. Shewak Bhojraj to talk under the auspices of the Psychological Study Class at 4 p.m. today at Sri Vithaldas Chambers, 4th Floor 16 Apollo Street, Fort.

NATIONALIST CHRISTIAN PARTY: To felicitate Mr P. K. Salve successful Christian Congress candidate to the Central Legislative Assembly from Nagpur, a public meeting will be held at 10.45 a. m. tomorrow at the Instituto Luso Indiano Hall Burrows Lane, Girgaon.

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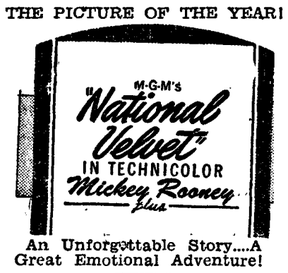

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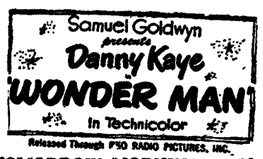

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Fate Of Subject Peoples "Pivotal Issue" At Moscow Talks

LONDON, Dec. 21. (U.P.I.): Evidence accumulates that the future of colonial peoples is becoming the pivotal issue in the Moscow discussions of the Big Three Foreign Ministers, writes the United Press of India political correspondent. The shifting of the focus from European problems to the general problem of imperialism is clearly reflected in the increasing emphasis being given in the responsible Soviet Press to the trusteeship problem.

A significant thing is that references to the future of colonies have synchronised with the Moscow Conference. In the past few days, the "Pravda", the official organ of the Russian Communist Party, the "New Times", organ of the Russian Trade Union Movement and the "Bolshevik", Russian Communist Party's theoretical mouthpiece, have all spoken on the need of colonial freedom as the basic condition for a lasting peace in the world.

Two divergent interpretations are being put on this revival of the Soviet interest in the fate of subject peoples by political observers. One view is that the Soviet Government is using the colonial question merely as a lever to get concessions from the Anglo-Americans in the matter of trusteeship control. The other and possibly more accurate view is that the Soviet interest in colonies reflects Russia's genuine sympathy with the aspirations of subject peoples and that she is desirous of seeking the friendship of these oppressed countries in any future war.

WHY U. S. TROOPS STILL IN CHINA?

LONDON, Dec. 20. (Reuter): Moscow radio reports that the Soviet Communist Party Organ 'Pravda', to-day declared the presence of American troops in China causes anxiety throughout the world. "Why more than three months after the end of one war in the Far East are there numerous United States troops in China including infantry, planes, tanks and naval forces? Is their presence compatible with respect for the sovereignty of China and with the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of another country which all members of the United Nations are pledged to respect?" 'Pravda' asks.

"The presence of Soviet troops in Manchuria would be much more justified than that of foreign troops in Northern China," the paper declares.

BEVIN PRESIDES OVER FIFTH SESSION

MOSCOW, Dec. 20. (Reuter): The fifth session of the Big Three' Foreign Ministers today was presided over by the British Foreign Secretary Mr. Earnest Bevin.

Later Mr. Bevin, Mr. James Byrnes, the United States Secretary of State, and M. Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar met informally at M. Molotov's reception at Spiridonovskaya Palace. They were all in excellent spirits.

Three planes with a majority of Mr. Bevin's staff arrived in Moscow this afternoon after having been held up in Berlin for five days due to bad weather.

SOVIET DEMAND ON TURKEY

Territories Claimed Are Pre-1918 Russian Batum And Kars

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuter): New Georgian territorial demands publicised in Moscow extend the area claimed by the Soviet union from Turkey to the whole of the pre-1918 Russian provinces of Batum and Kars, which are still in Turkish hands.

The demands were made in a sharply critical letter written by two Georgian scholars to a newspaper in the Georgian capital, Tiflis and since then have been reproduced in other Soviet papers.

If the demands were complied with Russia would gain a strip of land on the south coast of the Black Sea of a total breadth of some 220 miles from Gumusane south of Trebizond to the Soviet frontier, east of Kars, of a depth up to 100 miles.

Two districts mentioned by the Georgians—those of Ardahan and Artwin have already been claimed by Soviet Armenia together with the district of Kars, but those farther west are mentioned for the first time.

Russia first ceded Batum and Kars provinces to Turkey under the Brest-Litovsk Treaty of 1918, but Turkey in her turn lost them when an independent Armenian State was set up by the Allies under the treaty of Sevres.

At the same time, the Georgian buffer state under the Menshevik Government was set up with Allied support north of the border But early in 1921 the Russians reconquered Georgia and part of Armenia which now forms the Armenian Soviet Republic whilst Turkish troops liquidated the main part of the independent Armenian State.

By a treaty signed in March 1921, both countries established the frontier where their armies stood thus excluding further "western" intervention.

Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar Meets Pethick-Lawrence

LONDON, Dec. 21. (Reuter): Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar had a meeting on Wednesday with Lord Pethic-Lawrence, Secretary of State for India with whom he is understood to have discussed the Indian political situation.

'D-Day' For India On July 7

J. J. Singh Calls For A British Declaration

NEW YORK, Dec. 21. (A.P.A.): Arguments for and against the question "should colonial empires be liquidated?" were today presented on the radio by Sir Norman Angell, author, and Nobel prizes winner, and Sirdar J. J. Singh, president of the India League of America.

Singh urged complete liquidation of all colonial empires and imperialisms as he warned "before it takes us into a third and final war."

"I hereby ask the British to declare that on July 7, 1946, they will transfer all power to the people of India. I can assure the British and the world independent democratic India will be a pillar of strength in the comnial empires should be trans-Singh said.

Angell in opposition said, "Colonation having maximum of indeformed by steady evolution into unions like that of this British commonwealth, each constituent nation have maximum of independence consistent with common action for defence.

"Only so are we likely to build up a workable world order."

He added, "let us keep such unions as history has bequeathed; not liquidate them but reform them, transform them and merge them into a larger international order."

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Indian Officers' Release

C.-in-C. Follows Decision Of War Office

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter): The release of officers in the Indian Army was referred to in the House of Commons to-day, by Brigadier Lowe (Conservative). He said that the Indian Army was not affected by shortage of officers and there was no justification for deferring their release.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Under-Secretary for India said that he could not agree there was no shortage of officers in the Indian Army. There had been great expansion in the Indian Army and it was being efficiently officered only because a considerable number of otherwise surplus British officers had been attached to Indian units These officers had rights of release but so had Indian officers.

Mr. Arthur Henderson assured Brigadier Lowe, that the Commander-in-Chief of India had decided following the decision by the War Office that it was necessary to adopt the same course regarding the release groups in question in relation to India Army officers as had been to keep so far as possible in step with the British Army. The Commander-in-Chief of India had been under difficulties because of his increased commitments especially in Java.

India-Ceylon Air-Link Parleys

COLOMBO, Dec. 20. (UPA): The Minister of Communications and Works, Mr. J. L. Kotalawala leaves by plane for India to confer with the India Government regarding the co-ordination of air policy between Ceylon and India. He is accompanied by Sir Oliver Goonetilleke (Financial Secretary) and Mr C. H Bradley (Director of Civil Aviation Ceylon).

It is likely that the conference will take place at New Delhi The Minister will also confer with Mr J.R.D. Tata Managing Director of Tatas Air Lines, in regard to collaborating with them in the operation of certain air services between Ceylon and India.

The Ceylon Government intends, in addition, to operate initially on the Colombo-Madras route and to form a Ceylon National Airways Corporation for the purpose This service will not merely be State-controlled but State-operated as well

Death Of Dwarka Prasad

BAREILLY, Dec. 21. (U.P.I.): Death occurred here after a short illness of Pandit Dwaraka Prasad former M.L.A., (U.P.), who leaves behind a large family and friends. He was about fifty. All educational institutions were closed as a mark of respect to the deceased.

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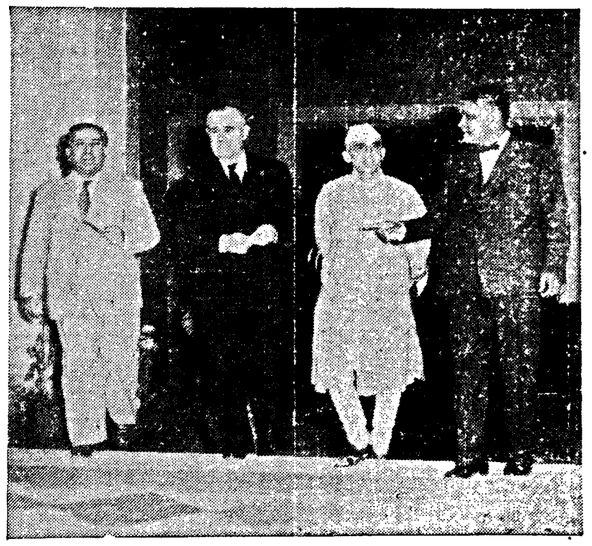


Members of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference were "At Home" to H. E. Lord Wavell at the Imperial Hotel on Dec. 17 when H. E. spent nearly an hour chatting with the Editors. Picture shows: (Left to right): Mr. Sahni (Editor, "National Call"); H. E. Lord Wavell: Mr. Brelvi (Editor, "Bombay Chronicle") and Mr. Pothan Joseph, Principal Information Officer.

Protest Against British Reprisals In Java

Indonesian Muddle Will Spoil Chances Of Settlement With India And Burma

LONDON, Dec. 20 (Reuter): When asked in the House of Commons, to-day, by Colonel Sir Walter Smiles, (Conservative), if he was now in a position to release some ships to carry Dutch troops to Java, Mr. Alfred Barnes, Minister of War Transport, replied that shipping had been, and was being provided for all requirements for movement of Dutch forces, which he had been asked to meet.

Tory Imperialistic Policy

Compared with the bigger issues at stake of burning down of one or two Indonesian villages by order of the local British Commander may seem an unimportant incident of warfare, states the current issue of the Left-Wing weekly "Tribune".

"But such incidents", adds the "Tribune" "become symbols of justice or justice of the case and live on in the memory of the world long after major problems have been settled.

"Whether or not we originally went to Java because this was the decision of the Supreme Allied Command matters little in the eyes of the world, compared with the fact that Indonesian villages are being destroyed by reprisals much as Lidice was destroyed by the Nazis.

"Whatever the Government's motives, this is objective policy in the tradition of Tory Imperialism pure, and simple. We can think of hardly anything that the Labour Government can less afford to do.

"Not only does this intervention create a catastrophic impression among its friends as well as foes it may also finally destroy all chance of reaching a peaceful solution to the problems of India and Burma—a solution which would give countries' freedom without making them eternal and implacable enemies of Britain."

67 Dead In United States Blizzard

NEW YORK, Dec 20. (U.P.A.): Sixty-seven persons are known to be dead and the toll is expected to mount as a swirling blizzard blanketed the United States from the Kansas wheat fields to the Atlantic Coast where disabled port facilities resulting from the storm caused troopships to ride at anchor outside New York Harbor An estimated 70,000 homebound troops are affected.

Transportation and communications were shattered in many areas with the telephone service crippled in New York, Boston, Washington and Philadelphia.

Washington and Boston schools shut down as the fierce storms lashed the coast.

A state of emergency was called in Buffalo where officials fear a growing food shortage.

The weather bureau promised there would be no relief until the week-end.

Dismissed For Wearing Slacks

TROWBRIDGE, ENGLAND, Dec. 20. (U.P.A.). Three girls working in one of the town's largest grocery stores were dismissed for wearing slacks.

They were given the option of wearing skirts at work or being dismissed. They continued wearing slacks.

First Bishop To Visit Malaya

COLOMBO, Dec. 20. (A.P.I.): The Right Reverend Cecil Douglas Horsely, Bishop of Colombo is leaving by air to-morrow on an Episcopal Mission to Malaya.

He is the first Bishop to visit Malaya for five years, and will be away from Ceylon until January 26.

Canada To Ship Furniture To Britain

OTTAWA, Dec. 20. (U.P.A.): Delivery of enough furniture to equip 150 000 British homes will start within the next few months according to Mr. George Drew, Prime Minister of Ontario.

It will be half-finished in Canada and then shipped to Britain and to be sold at much lower prices than those charged at present in Britain.

2,000 Canadians are making the furniture.

BENGAL LEAGUE CHIEF RESIGNS

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (A. P. I.) Maulana Muhammad Akram Khan, President of the Bengal Provincial Muslim League, has resigned that office.

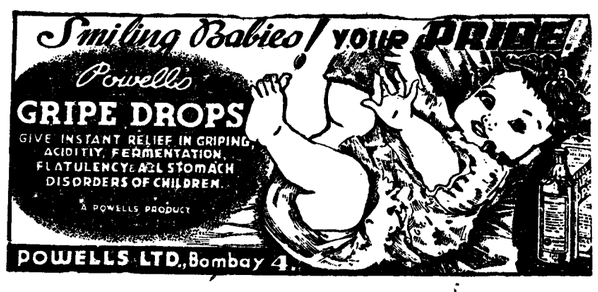
Maulana Akram Khan told Pressmen that the resignation was mainly due to reasons of health.

Diploma Course In Journalism For Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21. (A.P.I.): The Government of Bengal has approved of the scheme for the institution of a diploma course in journalism in the Calcutta University.

The Senate of the University approved of the scheme in June last, and it was then forwarded to the Bengal Government.

It is hoped to start the course from the next session of the University, in July, 1946.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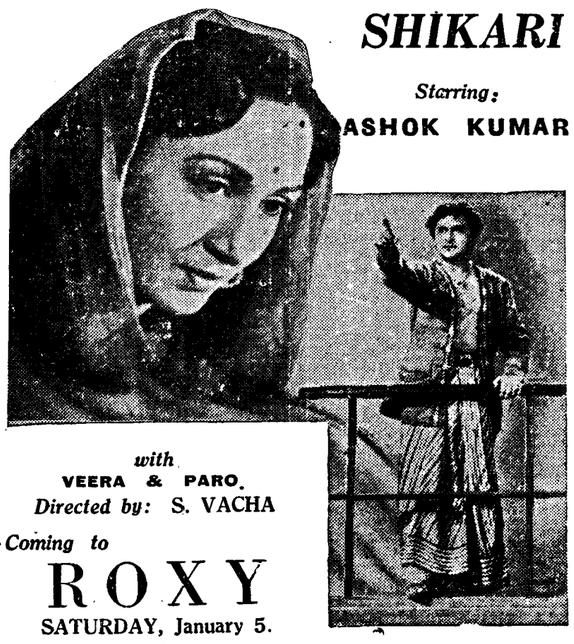

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Men always lose half of what is gained by violence. What is gained by argument is gained for ever.

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The Bombay Chronicle

FOOD SCARCITY

Great uneasiness is being felt in various parts of the country about adequacy of food and that feeling will be intensified by the remark of the Under-Secretary for India in the Commons that "the food situation in India gives no ground for complacency and substantial assistance in the form of cereal imports from abroad is still necessary." The unsatisfactory position has been worsened by the havoc wrought by the tidal wave. Mr. Henderson pointed out that the wave had destroyed stocks and standing crops of rice in some east coasts of Madras and the losses there were estimated at about 400,000 tons of rice. Then again damage to the extent of further half a million tons to crops of millets, wheat and rice has been reported from Bombay and Mysore as a result of the failure of the October rains. Scarcity conditions have been reported from several other parts of the country, too. The position demands immediate official scrutiny and accurate and full statements from the Central and the Provincial Governments.

The position in our own province seems to be anything but satisfactory. According to a report sent by Mr. Shankerrao Deo, Ahmednagar District is "faced with the terrible prospect of a famine in the near future." Mr. N. V. Gadgil, M.L.A. (Central), President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee, who has toured through several scarcity areas in Maharashtra and Karnatak, states in an interview that the people in all these areas have become very nervous and fear "a terrible famine" awaiting them and that peasants have started selling their bullocks for fear that they will not be able to feed them. It is clear that care needs to be taken not only of the hungry people but also of the hungry cattle, the capital of the peasantry. Mr. Gadgil suggests rationing of fodder. In any case adequate fodder must be secured and preserved carefully. It is said that both the crops in Ahmednagar district have failed owing to insufficient rain. But one hopes that all the crops and grass in the irrigated area will be saved, provided, of course, that canal water is made available for the purpose. It is a relief to learn that in response to a representation from several Congress leaders the Chief Engineer, Mr. Kale, has promised to release as much water as is available and necessary and to see if further relief can be given in any other manner. Reports from Bijapur District also are disquieting. It is said that in many places here the harvest is less than one-fourth of the normal. The authorities concerned and also Congress Committees should promptly ascertain the distress within their jurisdiction and devise prompt relief measures. As Mr. Henderson observes, the situation gives no ground for complacency.

As if in anticipation of trouble ahead, Sir J. P. Srivastava, Food Member, observed in a recent press statement: "We in India should continue a determined effort to utilise our resources on a controlled and equitable basis, to prevent wastage and extravagance, and to ensure the greatest good of the greatest number. Even if we have not yet got as much rice as we used to have, or as we would like to have, the imports, which I have been given reason to expect, should assure us of sufficiency provided we see to it that fear and greed are made to give place to discipline and self-control." So far as the common people are concerned, they have no surplus to be wasted or to be extravagant about. Millions find it difficult to get one good meal a day. Either enough food is not available at all or they have not the wherewith to pay the soaring prices of many food stuffs. And the high prices are due not merely to inadequate supply. They are more due to Government's inflationary policy which has not yet ended. The present Secretary of State for India is reported to have remarked in 1943 as follows about India: "He thought the main cause of the present famine was that a large number of people in certain provinces had not got the purchasing power to pay for such food grains as would keep them alive. The main cause of this increase in price was inflation. For that inflation, the Government of India and nobody else could be held responsible". One wonders what steps he is now taking as Secretary of State for India to combat inflation. The "grow more food" has added but little to the normal war production of food stuffs. This has largely been due to the incapacity of the Central Government and most Provincial Governments to ensure adequate co-operation from the public. One hopes the position will be much better if the elections are followed immediately by a popular Government at the centre as well as in every province.

Frankly Speaking

Recall Indian Troops

Following in the wake of reports of the burning of villages by British-commanded troops in Indonesia come reports of excesses which French troops are committing on the Annamese and other people of Indo-China who are fighting for the freedom of their country. The British and French Governments do not appear to be realising how these deplorable happenings are dragging the names of both their countries in the mind in the eyes of all Eastern peoples. In the years prior to the last war, Indians as a class got a bad name with the masses of China, because the British got the policing of their settlements in Hongkong, Shanghai and elsewhere in China done by Indian constabulary. In view of the part Indian troops are made to play in suppressing the freedom movement in Indonesia how are the peoples of those islands likely to regard Indians as a body? Would their feelings be not those of hatred which will endure for generations? Indian troops in Indo-China also are collaborating with the French in the latter's operations against the Annamese and other patriots. Why should India be made to reap this poison-fruit of the imperialist diplomacies of the Western Powers? The people of this country have emphatically protested against such exploitation of India's manpower which is calculated to tarnish India's name indelibly in the eyes of the world. Indian troops must immediately be recalled from Indonesia and Indo-China.

Turkey And Russia

The Soviet press has chosen the occasion of the conference of the Foreign Ministers of the "Big Three" Powers to turn its full battery on Turkey, with the intention, no doubt, of exposing the latter in as bad a fight as possible so as to justify the Soviet's own recent coercive measures towards it. Reiteration is made of the demand for the return of the territory which had been allotted to Turkey by the victors of the first world war. The area lies immediately south of Batum, the well-known oil port on the Black Sea, and is claimed to belong to the Soviet Republic of Georgia. The Georgians are reported to be tracing back the history of this particular area even to the second millennium in justification of their "claim." If the ownerships of territories are to be readjusted on a historical basis, the world will have to go back to pre-historic times to be able to satisfy the rival claims of the various races and peoples of today. Georgia's claim, even if it be valid, cannot stand alone It can be considered only along with a host of other claims other parties when the time comes for a general overhaul of maladjustments all over the world. The task is surely one for an international organisation such as is being attempted to be launched into existence in the near future. In the meanwhile it would be sheer mischief and downright aggression on the part of the Soviet Government to press for a solution of the question immediately. The Western Allies of Russia must stoutly resist such an act of aggression and back up Turkey's stand unreservedly.

Colour Bar In Britain

On Thursday Earl Winterton, speaking in the Commons, suggested to the Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, that he should instruct the Commissioner for the Metropolitan Police to oppose granting of licences to any hotel, restaurant or public house which refused to serve Indians or Africans on the ground of their colour. This was obviously the only proper and effective way of dealing with the not infrequent manifestations of racial arrogance. But the Home Secretary, for reasons best known to himself, did not accept this excellent suggestion but contented himself with giving expression to the pious intention that he would take very careful consideration of particular cases in which hotels or restaurants refused to serve Indians or Africans because of the colour and would then decide whether something ought to be done. In the meanwhile he was gracious enough to emphasize his strong condemnation of such conduct on the part of any licenced premises! All this means, in effect, that Indians and Africans must continue to run the risk of being insulted in public places in Britain before the Home Secretary would decide "whether something should be done".

Soviet Bid For Dardanelles

Britain And United States To Oppose

LONDON, Dec. 20. (U.P.A.): Britain and the United States will oppose any fundamental change in the Dardanelles, weakening of the Turkish control of the straits or encroachment upon the sovereignty of the nation, which Russia might request at the Moscow meetings, informed quarters told U. P. A. Vice-President, Virgil Pinkley.

The Persian situation, they said, intensified the Soviet campaign for the Dardanelles, the issue which the Russians pushed at Potsdam.

As that time the Anglo-American delegations refused to take action to outlaw or radically alter the Montreux Convention. The latter instrument was adopted in 1936 in view of Germany's rearmament to replace the commission appointed by the treaty of Lausanne in 1920.

It is learned the Russians have in recent months been sounding out the Turks with a view to seeking strategic bases along the narrow Dardanelles, Straits and the Bosporus. The Soviets would like jointly to control these highly important waterways which rank with the Straits of Gibraltar and the Panama and Suez Canals as the world's leading bottlenecks of shipping.

The Russians in the past six centuries have looked to the Dardanelles as an outlet the year round, and warm water means ships, grain, minerals and oils.

The Turks refused to open the Straits to the United Nations' shipping until the closing months of the war.

ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN

U. S. Press Rejoinder To British Criticism

NEW YORK, Dec. 20 (U.P.A.): Varied criticism of the Anglo-United States loan agreement continues unabated in the American Press with Communist Press and the Wall Street journal both sharply critizing the loan but for different reasons, cables Arnold Brackman, United Press of America staff correspondent.

The Wall Street journal asserted that British criticism of the loan agreement revealed that the British have "an almost total lack of enthusiasm for unrestricted trade.....As long as this attitude prevails in Britain this newspaper must continue to express grave doubts that the pending British loan will accomplish what its sponsors believe it will accomplish."

However, William Foster, the head of the American Communist Party, writing in the "Daily Worker", charged that with the British loan agreement, "American Imperialism scored a major victory for its world policy of free enterprise. Such a policy signifies an open struggle for world markets in sharp competition with other financially weaker and industrially less developed countries."

On the other hand, the New York Journal of Commerce continued its vigorous support of the loan and lashed out at proposals to compel the British to spend loan dollars exclusively within the United States. "The chief reason for granting credit is to promote multi-lateral trade", the newspaper said. "But the insertion of tying clauses to compel Britain to spend the money here would make the agreement in effect a bi-lateral trade past. would hardly set as an effective example to other countries to turn to multi-lateral trade policies."

Bhopal Nawab Re-elected Princes Chamber Chief

NEW DELHI, Dec 21. (A P.A): The "Associated Press of India" Understands that H. H. the Nawab of Bhopal has been re-elected Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes for the next year.

Indian Victory Stamps

Indian Postal administration is issuing a special set of four stamps to commemorate the victory and two denominations of 1 1/2 as. and 3 1/2 as. of this set will be placed for sale on 2nd January 1946 at all post offices. As at present, there is always a tremendous rush to obtain such stamps in all countries, the Postmaster-General Bombay has very kindly made special adequate arrangements to supply these stamps to stamp collectors. These stamps will be on sale at the Philatelic Bureau (1st floor), G.P.O., Bombay, on 2nd January between the hours of 10-30 A.M. and 3-30 P.M. and two whole time workers will attend to the requirements of stamp collectors.

Also as a large number of stamp collectors will be posting these souvenir stamps on First Day Covers to a host of philatelists all over the world, special arrangements are also made at the Registration windows, G.P.O., Bombay for accepting and attending to the large number of First Day Registered letters that will be handed over at the counter.

As many collectors and stamp dealers will be requiring large quantities of these stamps, it is earnestly requested of them to register their orders in advance with the Philatelic Bureau, so that they can make arrangements to maintain adequate stocks and effect immediate deliveries. This is specially requested in view of the experience of many collectors and dealers who could not obtain their requirements at the last sale of Muscat Commemorative stamps at the Philatelic Bureau in absence of registered requirements.

JAL COOPER
The Editor,
"Indian Stamp Journal."

Dec. 4.

NEW KHADI POLICY AT WORK

(By Pyarelal)

SODEPUR, Dec. 17.—The working out of the new Khadi policy is giving rise to intricate practical problems. They claimed the attention of the Executive Committee of the Charkha Sangh which met at Sevagram on 27th and 28th Nov. Incidentally it enabled Gandhiji to explain in greater detail his conception of future Khadi work. But before I take up these questions let me remind all Khadi weavers and prospective purchasers of Khadi that from the 1st of July next they shall have to deliver one anna worth of yarn instead of half an anna as at present on every rupee worth of Khadi that they might purchase. This will work out to one hank of 320 rounds. Hitherto it was possible to purchase yarn spun or get it spun for wages by neighbours. Purchased yarn or yarn spun for wages will not hereafter be accepted. Similarly, public institutions and corporations, i.e., hospitals, district boards, municipalities, etc., had been exempted from the operation of this rule uptil now; that exemption has now been cancelled. Corporations and public institutions therefore that still want to retain the "livery of freedom" for their employees shall have to find yarn for payment against their Khadi purchases. That need not discourage them. The peons of corporations, municipalities, district boards, etc., can easily spin yarn for their requirements on takles while they sit in front of their offices. But their bosses must give them encouragement and lead. The exemption in the case of woollen and silk cloth however will continue because silk and wool spinning is not a universal cottage industry and does not affect the living of the millions of the starving poor.

The public probably know that at present permits for selling certified Khadi are not issued to private individuals or Khadi Bhandars unless they are under the management of a trust. Since under the new Khadi policy the goal of Khadi is not merely to provide economic relief but the attainment of Swaraj through truthful and non-violent means, it was ruled that no one who is directly connected with mill cloth industry or trade should be eligible as a trustee of a certified Khadi sales depot.

NEW VALUES.

Another question that was discussed was whether Khadi Bhandars should be permitted to stock and deal in other village industries products besides Khadi. A fear was expressed by some members that as a result of the possibly growing difficulty in the clearing of Khadi stocks, Khadi Bhandars might be tempted to devote more and more attention to the sale of fancy products of village industries to cut their losses and keep the Bhandar going. The Bhandar might thus become a Khadi Bhandar merely in name. Other village manufactures completely overshadowing Khadi. But Gandhiji discounted the suggestion. "There was a time," he explained, "when we used to measure the success of Khadi work in terms of the production and sale figures of Khadi. Khadi Bhandars were agencies for pushing Khadi sales and clearing accumulated Khadi stocks. But now I am indifferent about these figures. The function of the Khadi Bhandar hereafter must be mainly educative. The manager of the Bhandar, as I envisage his function, will not try to tempt customers to purchase Khadi by dint of his high pressure salesmanship. He will simply sit in his Bhandar and ply his takli. He will explain to customers who visit the Bhandar the meaning and implications of this new Khadi policy and provide facilities for teaching them spinning, carding and the Allied processes in the Bhandar itself. Rules could be framed to insure that capital meant for Khadi was not locked up in other village products and that the latter did not oust the former. But the only real and reliable guarantee for Khadi would be the honesty, truthfulness and sincerity of Khadi workers.

AS IN OLDEN DAYS.

This introduced the question as to whether the existing Khadi Bhandars in the cities, e.g., the Kalbadevi Khadi Bhandar in Bombay, should not be closed, and if not what should be their future shape. Gandhiji was of opinion that the Kalbadevi Khadi Bhandar should continue for the present as a clearing house for surplus Khadi stock but it need not be maintained in the present locality. "I would like us to acquire an extensive plot of land in Dadar, Bandra or some other suburb in healthy, agreeable surroundings and establish our Khadi Bhandar there. I would induce a variety of artisans and craftsmen to settle there and our Khadi workers too and in fact convert the site into a tiny, model village which would serve as a living museum of resuscitated village crafts. In olden days the East India Company's factory on the banks of the Tapti, they say, commanded the entire country-side round about Surat and the city of Surat itself. Your Khadi Bhandar will be your factory, with this difference, the function of the former was to extirpate Khadi and our indigenous village crafts. Your mission will be to revive and renovate them. You will become village minded yourselves and try to produce all village products in the simple villager's way. You will make your establishment a centre of attraction to the city folk, who will come there and for their week-end instead of going to fashionable pleasure resorts. Those who want to purchase Khadi will come there and not only make their Khadi purchases but get an experience too of the joy and satisfaction of simple, healthy village life in ideal village surroundings besides learning spinning, carding, etc., if they do not know them already."

NOT CATER BUT TEACH

Q. Does it mean that we wash our hands of all responsibility towards the townsfolk of Bombay?

GANDHIJI. What further responsibility do you owe them? There was a time when we used to cater to the tastes of fashionable city folk by providing them all kinds of fancy goods in Khadi. We drew upon Cocanada and Chicacole and resuscitated the ancient but dying art of Khadi printing of Machhalipattam. All this served to galvanise Khadi activity then. But if we continue on these lines we shall kill Khadi. Look at the city folk of Bombay who crowd race courses, bridge clubs, cinemas and theatres. We cannot conduct our activity to deck them out in fancy Khadi. We can only teach and help them to produce their own Khadi if they are keen on it.

MESSENGERS OF GOOD NEWS.

Q. Cities like Bombay are the weakest sector in the Khadi front. Would not the presence of their representatives on the Board of Trustees in the A.I.S.A. be a source of weakness to the latter? Should not they resign?

GANDHIJI: They should continue for the present to remain where they are. They won't be a wrakening influence in the latter; they would function as the outposts of new Khadi policy in the cities. To-day cities are exploiting the villages. They say, "We are India." A time must come when this process will be reversed. Their function should be to prepare the way for that day. It does not matter if theirs is a voice in the wilderness to-day. Their position will be comparable to that of Vibhishana in Lanka. He pleaded on bended knee with Ravana who likewise claimed that he was Lanka. In return he (Vibhishana) received only kicks and insults and in the end had to clear out. You too will clear out when and if that stage is ever reached. But to-day your place of duty is there.

THE DEED ALONE GROWS

Q. Khadi will not make headway in cities like Bombay unless its political significance in terms of the struggle for independence is brought home to them.

GANDHIJI: "That is why I have said that Khadi otherwise than as a symbol of truth and non-violence and as an instrument for winning independence means nothing to me to-day. But as an American writer has put it, it is not the word but the deed that grows. What is needed is not propaganda by the word but propaganda by the deed. The success will depend upon Khadi workers embodying in their lives the principles of truth and Ahimsa for which Khadi stands."

DO OR DIE.

The next question gave him an opportunity to explain what he meant by embodying the principles of Truth in one's life. Four years back Shri Jerajani had settled down in a village of Kolis near Bombay. He complained to Gandhiji that he had so far failed to induce any local people to join him. The place was malarious and outside workers were unwilling to come and settle down there. What was to be done."

"Charity must begin at home," Gandhiji reminded him. He discountenanced the idea of impressing outside help. "Why not induce members of your family to come and join you?", he asked.

"But suppose they are unwilling to come," asked Shri Jerajani.

"Then you must be content to ply your lonely furrow. If you are adamant and stick to your resolve not to have any outside help, you will in due course get local men to help you. If you fall ill, get Kolis to nurse you. Tell your people that they must be prepared to come and settle down there if they want to nurse you. If the worst comes to the worst and you die, you must be content to be cremated by the Kolis. Unless you show that iron resolve to do or die, you will not be able to achieve success in your mission which is nothing less than the upliftment of the crores of the semi-starved masses of India who are to-day sunk in a torpor of apathy and despair, without a ray of hope in their lustreless eyes."

"Attitudes And Latitudes"

By 'BIRBAL'

(The views expressed in this column are not always necessarily those of the Editor.—Editor "B. C.")

The elections to the Central Assembly, where the real contest was between the Congress and the Hindu Maha Sabha, on the one hand, and the Muslim League and the Nationalist Muslims on the other, are over. An analysis of the polling goes to show that while the Hindu Maha Sabha was completely routed the Nationalist Muslims did not fare so badly despite the fact that they could not secure any seat. There will be two Muslims in the Congress Party as before. Mr. Asaf Ali having retained his seat from Delhi and Mr. Abdul Gani Khan having replaced Mr. Abdul Qayum. The Muslim League did not directly contest these seats but they helped the opponents of the Congress with their full strength. Mr. Asaf Ali's opponent could secure 1,557 votes as against his 6,261. Mr. Asaf Ali did get non-Muslim votes, still, looking to the percentage of those who exercised their right and comparing the figures it can be safely asserted that Mr. Asaf Ali polled as many Muslim votes as his opponent did.

In the Frontier the voters were overwhelmingly Muslim and if Muslim League were really confident of their support it should have contested the seat hoping to win it. The League, however, did not measure its strength But Mr. Jinnah, who then happened to be in the province, could not resist the temptation of opposing the Congress candidate by publicly saying that Congress being the enemy No. I the Leaguers should support the Khaksar opponent of Abdul Gani Khan. The result, however, was that the former secured 5,386 votes as against 8,159 of the Congress nominee, thus proving that apart from the non-Muslim support Khan Abdul Gani got a clear majority of Muslim votes polled. Does it not indicate Congress strength all over the province and if the same is reflected in the provincial elections Congress can safely expect to capture majority of Muslim votes.

But the real contest was in the United Provinces where the parties were engaged in straight fights for all the six seats. The analysis of voting there is also quite revealing and exposes the holowness of the League claim to be the sole representative of Muslims. Of the total votes polled Muslim League secured 78 percent and 22 per cent went to the Nationalists. The biggest poll for the League was in the seven cities constituency where it got 90 per cent of the votes. But if the poll for the five rural constituencies is considered then the position of Nationalists is improved by five per cent and they got 27 per cent of the total votes. In two of these five constituencies they did still better. In Rohilkhand they got 33 per cent and in the Meerut rural area they got 38 per cent of the votes. The overwhelming support to the League in the cities proves that the League is very strong in the cities while the Nationalists could get a better hearing in the rural areas. If it were possible to know the votes for each district it would reveal that in certain districts the Nationalists got the majority support. And all this after having entered the field so late and with hardly three weeks electioneering campaign. From the analysis one would find why the Nationalist Muslims are entering the field for provincial elections with greater confidence.

Crime Wave In Moscow

"One more unfortunate,
Vainly importunate,
Gone to his death".

The Iranian Premier Hakim is proceeding to Moscow. He has been preceded by a long line of diplomats,—M. Mikolajyck (now a puppet minister in Poland), M. Paasikir (now puppet premier in Finland), and Rumanians, Bulgarians, Latvians, Lithuanians and Esthonians too numerous and insignificant to number in this world of Big men. Earlier, there had been similar visits to Berchtesgaden by Schussnig of Austria and Hacha of Czechoslavakia, and now Iran is also in the penultimate stage of collapse before an imperialist neighbour. One more country of Asia lies at the White man's feet.

The Sudetan technique of a Fifth Column has been used in Iran. That tool has been the so-called Democratic (Tudeh) party having as its leader in the Majlis the biggest feudal landlord in North Iran. Its demonstrators, protected from the Iranian police by the Red Army of occupation, are paid 3 shilling a day plus their dinner and are driven to the scene of operations in lease-lend lorries. In Azerbaijan, the Pakistani separatists are handed mahine guns from Russian military lorries. The Lublin technique in Poland is now being repeated in our own neighbourhood.

Meanwhile, with Iran reaching the final stages of that strangulation which is only a repetition of what she underwent in Tsars; days, the heat is being turned on Turkey. Pseudo-Left wing parties are struggling up like mushrooms there also. Will the Turkish Premier also be forced sooner or later to undertake a journey to Moscow? If only the Powers who signed the Atlantic Charter had meant a word of what they said, Iran and Turkey could to-day resist aggression secure in the world's support. But Britain is too busy suppressing the Indonesians, brow-beating Thailand and grabbing Abyssinian territories and the U.S.A. too chicken-hearted to call "Halt" to either of their ex-Allies. A 'Reuter' cable from Moscow on November 28 described the crime wave that is sweeping over the Russian capital. 'Birbal' forecasts that the outstanding crime of season will be the strangling of Persia.

At Last

Being after all human, 'Birbal' cannot resist the temptation of giving himself a pat on the back to mark the final expulsion of the Communists from the National Movement. He will be forgiven if with a twirl of the moustache he reminds himself that it was he "anti-Soviet Racketeer No. I" as the "People's Something—or—the other" called him who first advocated the step which the Working Committee has now at long last taken.

Congressmen and women can at last breathe freely with the incubus at last off their chest. Sinbad has at last managed to dump the Old Man of the Sea where he really belongs. The Communist Party we shall continue to have with us—so long as the Stalinist dictatorship lasts in Russia. But now on disentangled from the National movement, it will be recognisable for what it really is. The correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian" in New Delhi has been naive enough to express the hope that Communist infiltration into the Muslim League may in the long run facilitate Congress-League understanding. Though such infiltration may facilitate many other developments not dissimilar to those we see now in China and Iran, the one thing it will 'not' facilitate is a rapprochement with the Congress. A patient who has thrown off a disease is not likely to be in a hurry to associate with another victim of the same infection.

We are likely now to see an increase in the tribe of those who, though secretly in tow with the Communists, will publicly profess their dissociation with them. When Mulk Raj Anand, the novelist, landed in India some three mon'hs back he assured all and sundry that he had no truck with his past associates of the Communist Party and was a convert to "Humanism". But a cobbler cannot long keep away from his last! On December 14, Anand inaugurated the annual meeting of the Communist Stalinists Union in Bombay and exhorted them to follow in Russian footsteps. Did he then forget his newformed "Humanism"? No Sir. Just listen to him. "It is the new Soviet Union that is now the defender of Humanism and Morality." If you don't believe, Anand, ask the Iranians, the Turks, the Poles, or the Chinese!

His Serene Highness

P. H. (alias Rau) Patwardhan is again in custody. Of the past five years, he has not been free for even as many months. Not as well-known throughout the country as his brother Achyut, Rau is a greater power in his own province. His long record of service, brilliant oratory, charm of manner and rare self-abnegation have made him about the most attractive figure in the public life of Maharashtra. If his arrest should culminate in conviction, it will be a grave loss to the Congress at this critical time. No report of his offending speech opening an Arts and Crafts Exhibition organised by the Mysore Students' Congress has been published. 'Birbal' understands, however, that the height of his alleged sedition lay in his referring disapprovingly to the order prohibiting any conferences, public meetings, or processions, in Mysore city when the Maharajah is in residence in the city, based on the delightful plea that such activities were likely to disturb his Serene Highness' peace! Recently, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru protested with impunity at the All-India Writers' Conference at Jaipur against all the delegates being expected to stand when the Maharaja's greetings were being read to them by a secretary. But then Rau Patwardhan is not yet Pandit Jawaharlal and Sir Mirza Ismail is no longer Dewan of Mysore.

This India

"Sardar Mohd. Lukman Khan s/o the late Hon. K. B. Sardar Mohd. Yaqub Khan, C.I.E. (late Wazir of Khairpur) I am a Candidate for Assembly Election—Sinjhoro-Nawabshah Constituency.

I was a candidate at the last Assembly election, but lost on account of being outside India on pilgrimage with the late Pir Pagaro, I was a Member of the Muslim League though in the group of the late Allahbux.

Originally, our family came from Rome and were Jews. My grandfather embraced Islam. .....

I belong to no party and, if I am elected, my first job will be to join the Muslim League, provided it is united with the Azad group or else I will join the Congress" From a Karachi Daily.

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TETE-A-TETE

Without Comment

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter).—New Georgian territorial demands publicised in Moscow extend the area claimed by the Soviet Union from Turkey to the whole of the pre-1918 Russian provinces of Batum and Kars, which are still in Turkish hands.

The demands were made in a sharply critical letter written by two Georgian scholars to a newspaper in the Georgian capital, Tiflis and since then have been reproduced in other Soviet papers.

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The Foreign Ministers of the "Big Three" are reported to be in excellent spirits.

Vodka?

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The Sydney correspondent of the "News Chronicle" quotes one French Field Officer, justifying the French action by saying: "The natives fear the insurgents more than the French. That is all wrong and only when we are more feared than the insurgents, can order be restored."

Freedom from fear, like the rest of the Four Freedoms, seems to be a relative—and rather elastic—term.

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs observed in the Commons that Britain wants to see Siam resume her place as a sovereign and independent nation.

She will, however, never again be allowed to call herself Thailand!

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The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, is to have talks after Christmas with the Lieut. Governor-General of Netherlands East Indies, Dr. Van Mook, and the Dutch Prime Minister and other members of the Netherlands Delegation on the situation in Indonesia.

It is hoped that the latest British offensive—in which the Dutch forces are co-operating for the first time on a big scale—will finally smash Indonesian resistance in the meanwhile.

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Commenting on the U.S. Senate resolution on Palestine, Madame Roda Sharawi, leader of the Feminist movement of the Arab League, declared: "The cup has overflown.....The Senate resolution has pierced the heart of the Arab nations like an arrow."

The good lady ought to be grateful for small mercies. What is a mere arrow to an atom bomb?

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Writing in the "New Statesman and Nation" Prof. Edward Thompson says: "We are bound to repay India's debt fully."

We emphatically protest against this burst of verbal generosity.

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Tale Of The Day

Proudly Mrs. Hobson showed some of her new acquaintances over her new home.

"Is your husband a bibliomanic?" asked one visitor, when shown into the library, where every book was a leather-bound edition de luxe.

The hostess stared coldly at her questioner. "Certainly not!" she snapped. "He doesn't bibble a bit. Not that he won't take a drop now and then with his meals, if the rest do. But that's as far as he goes."

IMPORTANT LINK BETWEEN EAST AND WEST

Jawaharlal On Assam's Great Reserves Of Strength And Potential Power

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru returned this evening from his Assam tour and motored direct from the Railway station to a meeting which he addressed at Desabandhu Park, Calcutta's largest park.

"Assam and Sumra Valley, like all other places I have visited since my release from prison, were afire with enthusiasm and excitement and mighty stir moved the masses of people," says Pandit Nehru in a statement issued on his return. "There were vast crowds at meetings and on the wayside, but even more impressive than these crowds was the light in the eyes of the people and the ringing, confident sound of their voices. There was no defeatism in them but a tone of challenge and hope as at the dawn of a new day after the long night was over. It was the same in the towns and the villages, among the workers of the factories and of the tea-gardens. Sometimes they complained for their burdens and sorrows, of their lack of food and clothing. But in the main there was an eager, questioning look in their eyes, as of someone athirst searching for water to cool his parched throat. When will Swaraj come? When will freedom be ours so that we may breathe again and be rid of our misery? Bright-eyed young men and women and boys and girls were more definite and insistent and demanded to know what they should do, what next step to take for freedom's sake. There was a brave challenge about it all and an unspoken pledge which warmed the heart and made the blood quicken in the veins.

LINK BETWEEN EAST & WEST

"Assam had the look of great reserves of strength and potential power. It is still an undeveloped province and the future beckons to her. I have no doubt that, great highways by road and air and rail, will go across her connecting China with India, and ultimately connecting East Asia with Europe. Assam will then no longer be an isolated far-away province but an important link between the East and West.

"Returning from Assam and the Surma Valley, through North Bengal, vast crowds have met me everywhere en route. They had not been asked to come. It was an entirely spontaneous effort of theirs and their excitement and enthusiasm were astonishing. Here and in Assam and elsewhere as I have watched these mighty gatherings almost overcome with emotion, I have wondered what all this signifies. There was little personal about it, though the affection they showed me was precious beyond words to me. There was something impersonal about it though the affection of a force of nature moving these multitudes of human beings. What was the mighty force and where was it leading them to? There was a faith in the Congress but above all there was faith in the coming freedom and a hunger and thirst to achieve it soon. For who have been privileged to witness this it has been an inspiring sight and a vision of things to come, and I have felt very humble before these masses of Indian people who have suffered so much and for so long and yet who are so buoyant and full of life, vitality and hope."

MORE NOMINATED MEMBERS

Central Assembly Electoral Rules Amended

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)

In January, 1940, the Central Legislative Assembly electoral rules were amended so as to reduce the number of nominated official members of the Assembly from 26 to 20 and consequently to increase the number of nominated non-official members from 13 to 19, says a Press note.

The subsequent large increase in the number of departments has rendered it impossible to arrange for the adequate representation of departments in the Assembly within the reduced official quota, and by a notification published in the "Gazette of India" today the rules have been further amended so as to admit of the nomination of not more than 26 official members. The opportunity has also been taken to raise the total number of nominated members from 39 to 40, which was the original number.

The effect will be that within the total quota of 40 nominated members the Governor-General will have discretion to nominate such number of officials not exceeding 26 as he thinks fit.

Jhansi Sweepers On Strike

JHANSI, Dec 21, (A.P.I.): About 4,000 sweepers of Jhansi are on strike since yeterday. The District Magistrate has promulgated section 144 in the city and banned all demonstrations by sweepers for a fortnight. Two communist workers alleged to be the leaders of the strike have been arrested.

The Sportsman's Sportsfolio

BY J. C. MAITRA.

Commenting on Indian Cricket, C. B. Fry, the celebrated cricketer of England, has posed the following query to Indian cricketers:

"If any one can name me a successful Indian cricketer, a representative player, who adheres to the Congress Party, I shall be astonished."

One may ask what has this question got to do with Indian Cricket. It has. This is to show to the world at large that India is a house divided against itself—in every walk of life. That Cricketers in this country do not want the freedom of their motherland as demanded by the Congress. That, conversely, they are willing to remain under British domination for ever.

C. B. FRY'S PROPAGANDA

The basis of his conclusion runs in this wise: "People did I say? Those peoples, I should say. For a batsman of Bombay is about as likely to meet a bowler of Calcutta as a polo player of Constantinople to cross sticks with one of Hurlingham. The places are that far apart.

"And another thought Mushtaq Ali and Merchant, though doubtless good friends, are about as nearly related in race as Winston Churchill to Joseph Stalin.

"Moreover, by the way, the racial difference, which is an antipathy, too, of outlook and way of life, between Hindu and Mohammedan is still the trouble in making an Indian representative team.

"Who knows what the last Indian team would not have done but for that stumbling block?

"The Parsees are a tolerant folk. If only the Sikhs, Hindus and Mohamedans would genuinely agree not to differ, and if they set their clever minds on beating England at Cricket, I vow to you we should have to sit up and take notice."

NOT A COMMUNAL FIGHT

As everybody knows, the last Indian tour to England failed not on account of communal rivalry and jealousy but because of the Captain. It may be news to Fry that the fight for captaincy was between two Hindus. Most likely the good old Briton does not know that 'C.K.' and 'Vizzy' are both Hindus! It is also common knowledge that the players had divided themselves into rival camps without any restriction to caste or creed. It was purely a question of personal allegiance to either. If the Board of Control for Cricket in India had not made the mistake of appointing a nondescript cricketer as Captain,—or if the latter knowing his own limitation, were wise enough to play the role of non-playing Captain —all the trouble that arose there would have been safely avoided. I am sure this will not happen again.

PENTANGULAR—THE CAUSE

But what has provoked Fry to point out these religious differences—which he calls racial—to the world? It is undoubtedly the existence of the communal show—the Pentangular—in Bombay. He is one of those who had taken a hand in enhancing its popularity twenty years ago. Why did he not object as a sportsman, against this kind of religious division in the field of sport? Perhaps that did not suit his book. As an Imperialist he must have realised that its continuance was necessary. After helping it to grow, he taunts us now for having these communal divisions.

REMOVE THE BLOT

It is upto the younger generation to remove this blot which has been perpetrated by their elders. They must see to it that this is stopped as early as possible. We must not play the game of the Britishers. They want us to remain divided amongst ourselves so that they may point out our disunity to the world and keep us in subjection till eternity. One need not be surprised at this strange behaviour of a sportsman. We would do well to realise and remember that an Imperialist is an Imperialist whether he clothes himself as a sportsman or Socialist or Communist.

TABLE TENNIS ATTRACTION

The All-India and Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Tournaments which will commence at the C.C.I. today has attracted all the leading players in the country. All the provinces will be represented in the Inter-Provincial, too. So we may expect the most attractive fore the country can provide at this moment. Many will certainly miss the genial American Aronson who carried away the singles title last year after a magnificent display of table tennis. But it cannot be helped. It is a pity the number of women contestants, from up-country is not large enough. It is hoped that the game will increase in popularity among them—even more than among men—as it suits them the best.

DOCK WORKERS TO STRIKE ON DEC. 29

12-Point Demands Rejected By Management

BOMBAY, Friday.—The Dockyard Labour Union has decided to go on strike from Saturday Dec. 29. This decision was taken at a meeting of the Working Committee of the Union held on Thursday.

The Union considered a reply of the Mazagaon Dock Company authorities to its strike notice, in which the management rejected all the demands of the workers.

The workers demanded (1) Abolition of the 'Pali' system, (2) Three months bonus; (3) Gradation of Scales; (off day without pay); (4) Increase in Provident Fund Contribution; (5) Proportionate leave pay; (6) Wages in lieu of notice; (7) Sick Leave with pay; (8) Overtime pay for bargemen and launchmen; (9) Increment in rates of pension; (10) Medical Aid; (11) Voluntary payment and (12) Mutual arbitration.

All these demands, it is stated, were rejected by the Company authorities and therefore the workers decided to go on a strike from Dec. 29.

THATTE ACTIVE AGAIN

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20 (A.P.I.)—The All-India Anti-Pakistan front will start picketing before Gandhiji's residence at Sodepur Ashram from today, says Mr. L. G. Thatte, General Secretary of the Front, in a statement.

ATTEMPTS TO MURDER SUBHAS BOSE FOILED

Man With Revolver Impersonates Sentry Before Being Overpowered

MADRAS, Dec. 21 (U.P.I.): The story of how a man infiltrated in the ranks of the sentries posted in and outside the compound of Netaji's residence with a revolver with 32 rounds with the intention of shooting Subhas Bose and how he was detected and his attempt was foiled was narrated to the "United Press of India" representative by Lieut. A. C. Nair belonging to the Indian National Army, who has arrived here after his release from the Nilganj Detention Camp.

Mr. Nair said—

It was in the month of February, 1944 when the Indian National Army was marching towards India, Delhi the Indian capital, as their goal. It was a moonless night. Netaji was having a talk with some of the high ranking officers of the I.N.A. at his residence. The guard of Netaji's residence was under the command of Lt. Bishambar Das (Punjabi) of the Bahadur Group. There were two sections of guards always on duty, one section of five men (all N.C.O.'s) who were mufti with arms (Thomson I. M. guns and revolvers), their duty being to guard the compound by going round and round the compound. The other section of eight men with arms in uniforms used to petrol inside the compound. The outside guards were changed every hour.

IMPERSONATION

The time was 11 in the night. As usual the outside sentries returned after they were released by another party. Usually nobody used to count the incoming and outgoing sentries. The sentries retired to their quarters. The light there was dim. The guard commander went into the quarters. He had no notion of any new men having entered the premises. There were about 50 to 60 soldiers there. He counted them. It somehow struck him that there was one extra man. Therefore he ordered the men to fall in and give their number, name and rank etc. They all gave their answers. But two gave the same number name and rank and company, command's name etc. The commander grew suspicious and these two men were separated.

Suddenly one of the two whipped out his revolver. The man nearby seized the revolver after a strenuous tussle. There was commotion. The culprit was tied hand and foot. Netaji asked from upstairs what the matter was. The man in bondage shouted in Hindustani: "I came to kill you for being a traitor to India. I had my revolver and 32 rounds. It might have been enough. But this son of a dog officer spoiled my effort. I was successful upto this time. But be careful, others too are on the path." The guard commander and the sentries stopped him shouting further. Netaji wanted to come down and have a talk with the prisoner. But the officers requested him not to have anything to do with the prisoner, who was forcibly removed from the spot.

ANOTHER BID

In the same month at another time but at the same place, before the same guard commander and sentries, another incident took place. It was pitch dark and the commander was standing near the gate when suddenly a car pulled up. An old gentleman was sitting in rear seat of the car. His features were just like those of Sri Rash Behari Bose. Netaji was at home. The guard commander asked the men in the car and to who he was and what authority he had to come there. The old gentleman said that he was Rash Behari Bose coming from the Japanese Headquarters and that he wanted to see Netaji if he was alone on matters urgent. The commander got suspicious. He asked the newcomer to wait, went into the bungalow and told Netaji that Rash Behari Bose wanted to see him. Netaji was astonished. He exclaimed: "What! Rash Behari Bose is in Tokyo. I have no information of his coming here. However, you go and escort the gentleman here." The guard commander came down the stairs when he heard the purr of the car. He ordered the sentries to stop the car. The car sped with great speed and vanished. A posse of sentries were sent out to search but the search was in vain.

Two-and-half Crores For New Facilities In Bombay Docks

Proposal To Construct Entrance Lock In Corner Of Victoria Dock

BOMBAY, Friday.

A comprehensive scheme estimated to cost about two and a half crores of rupees for the reconstruction of Bombay port has been prepared by the authorites of the Bombay Port Trust. The work of reconstruction will be spread over a period of eight and a half years. The scheme includes a plan for the modernisation of the Prince's and Victoria docks which were constructed in 1873 and 1888.

Sir B. Rama Rau, Chairman of the Bombay Port Trust, outlined to an 'Associated Press of India' reporter to-day some of the important aspects of the scheme.

The Prince's and Victoria Docks, Sir Rama Rau pointed out, had single-gate entrances and were tidal.

The scheme now drawn up provides for increased depth of water in these docks. That would make the accommodation of ships of 27 1/2 feet with a tonnage of 8,000 to 10,000, such as the 'Liberty', 'Fort', and medium sized 'Empire' classes of steamers inside the dock possible.

Explaining the main features of the scheme, Sir Rama Rau said that it was proposed to construct an entrance lock in the south-east corner of the Victoria Dock of 650 feet long and 80 feet wide. This part of the scheme would cost about 1.69 crores, and involve the closure of the Carnac Basin and the Modi Bunder.

Adequate facilities with rail connections and storage accommodation would, however, be provided for country craft at Hay Bunder and other places.

The second feature of the scheme was the transfer of ferry wharf passenger traffic from the northern section of Alexandra Dock wall to the Prince's Dock wall. The new site would be much closer to the areas of the city in which the passengers who make use of the harbour ferry services live or have their places of business. It is estimated that about one and a half million passengers embark and disembark in a year at the ferry wharf.

The construction of oil berths on the eastern face of the dam opposite the Alexandra Dock wall costing about Rs. 26 lakhs is another feature of the scheme.

It is estimated that the scheme including the island wharf for oil berths, if completed stage by stage, will take about 8 1/2 years and it is expected that it will increase the capacity of the port by about 40 per cent.

The trustees of the Bombay Port Trust have drawn up schemes for the construction of modern transit sheds and warehouses in the older docks with up-to-date mechanical equipment for the rapid handling of cargo.

A housing scheme for the additional Port Trust labour estimated to cost Rs. 28 lakhs has also been prepared.

INDIA & BRETTON WOODS AGREEMENT

Maharashtra Chamber's Plea For Immediate Ratification

POONA, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—A recommendation that immediate ratification, before the due date, be accorded to the Bretton Woods' Agreement by India and an original membership secured has been made to the Government of India by the Committee of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce.

The Committee is of the opinion that India should participate in an International Monetary Agreement which would ensure exchange stability and minimise the possibilities of world economic depressions which hit relatively more adversely agricultural countries like India.

Further, though India was not given a permanent seat on the executive, she could get one of the five elected seats if she voted for herself and none else in all the ballots. This would enable India to take part in the important initial decisions which would influence the future of the International Monetary Fund and the world ban. India would also be placed in a better position to present her case before a body that would definitely wield an enormous amount of influence in the international financial affairs in the near future.

Besides, adherence to the agreement at this stage did not mean a permanent commitment on the part of India. In the last resort, she could withdraw her membership.

BRADMAN TURNS OUT FOR PRACTICE

ADELAIDE, Dec. 21 (Reuter): Australia's former test captain Don Bradman turned out for practice with South Australia twice this week. Consequently, some people are tipping him to play again, but Bradman himself refuses to discuss the question. At the practice, Bradman treated other South Australians to a great hitting exhibition. Bradman who is now 37 has not played first class cricket since he toured England in 1938. He suffered from 'fibrositis' and now has his own business to attend to.

INDORE SHARES

INDORE, Dec. 21.

Following are closing quotations: Indore Malwa 773 Hukamchand 970 Bhandari Mill 838 Vinod Mill 698 Kalqan Mill 330 Kalyanmalpre 174 Rajkumar 233 Indore Bank 82.

KARACHI COTTON

KARACHI, Dec. 21.

Cotton Sind Desi New 39/13, Punjab Desi 25, Sind Nt New 54/2, Four F New 45/8, January 44/15/3, March 45/12/8, Fluctuation were narrow but on the whole undertone remained good. Arrivals 1410. Silver Tuesday delivery 133/3, Gold 82/5.

70 BURIED ALIVE BY LANDSLIDE

ALBACETE, SPAIN, Dec. 21, (A.P.A.): Seventy people were buried alive by a landslide at Alcala Nelucar, a town of 4,000 inhabitants, 30 miles northeast of Albacete, today.

The occupants of 20 houses, that were engulfed, were sleeping when the landslide occurred about dawn, after two days of intense winds and rain. Six were killed and 40 seriously injured.

Authorities said little hope remained for other victims who were dragged from their homes.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

AHMEDABAD Dec. 21.

Market worked only for one hour today the undertone continued steady the turnover was restricted due to squarring up of commitments

Closing quotations: Arvind 1552 Ajit 377/8/0 Ambika 487 Calico 1454 Jupiter 347 Marsdon 192 Monogram 164 Saraspur 560 Ordinary 482 Diggered 2676 Associated Cement 244.

The market will remain closed from tomorrow to 1-1-46 Tuesday both days inclusive due to Xmas holidays.

Standardisation Of Prices Of Raw Materials

U.S. Pattern Will Not Appeal To India, Warns Sir Purshotamdas

BOMBAY, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—A warning against the introduction of the American pattern of standardising the prices of raw materials in India was given by Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas presiding over the 24th annual general meeting of the East India Cotton Association today.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Sir Purshotamdas said: "There are many suggestions regarding changes in our present contract and procedure, the latest among these being a very elaborate scheme lately received from the Government of India regarding uniform standards for India's raw materials. Whilst the pattern for this would appear to have been U.S.A.'s, it is necessary to tell the Government of India frankly that the U.S.A. pattern will not appeal to the Indian public, unless there is, at the top, in our Government a Ministry responsible to the Legislature."

He hoped that the Government of India would not waste their energy and time in trying to do things "which it should by now be clear, do not inspire confidence in the public until a fundamental political change is introduced."

NO DUMPING OF FOREIGN COTTON

Opposing the dumping of foreign cotton into India, Sir Purshotamdas said it was absolutely essential that the import of foreign cotton should be very strictly regulated and it should be the cardinal policy of the Government of India in the Department of Education, Health and Lands, that no cotton should be imported for price consideration alone. It would be a tragedy if the import control instituted for regularising the distribution of foreign cotton should now be worked so as to encourage dumping to the detriment of the indigenous produce.

MacArthur Not Resigning

Split Suspected On Issue Of Russian Control Of Japan

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—General MacArthur today flatly denied he had any intention of resigning as Supreme Commander of Japan. He issued a statement declaring Russian participation in the occupation of Japan is "a matter for others' decision than my own."

The statement replied to questions concerning a broadcast from Tokyo by American Broadcasting Corporation correspondent Tighe, who said MacArthur and the Russians had disagreed over the scope of Russian activities.

The statement said, "For the second time in recent weeks, it becomes necessary for me to deny the allegation that I have threatened to resign."

The statement continued: "I am here to serve and not to hinder or obstruct the American Government.... The question of Russian participation is a matter for others' decision than my own. If Tighe made the statement he is alleged to have broadcast from Tokyo, someone must have been feeding him a sunny type of 'hooch' (whiskey) peddled around Tokyo on the black market."

San Francisco reported that Tighe broadcast MacArthur's denial and then added:

"I received the information from a reliable, honest source and I still consider it both reliable and honest."

Tighe said MacArthur's reference to 'hooch' was inaccurate and "hardly fitting in a discussion of a subject that concerns the very life of the United Nations Organisation."

No Word Of Protest From MacArthur

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (Reuter): President Truman told a press conference to-day that he had received no word from General Douglas MacArthur the Allied Commander-in-Chief in Japan protesting against any proposal for Russia's share in the administration of Japan.

Next Sunday

Read in the

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"France At The Crossroads".

"A Thought For Christmas".

How loud are the voices of *Circus Animals?*

M. P.'s do K. P. ("This Is England")

The usual features, photos and latest news.

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LEAGUER ELECTED TO ASSEMBLY

JALAPAIGURI, Dec. 21 (API.)

Mr. Abdul Hamid Shah, Muslim League candidate, has been elected to the Central Legislative Assembly from the Rajshahi Division Mohammedan Constituency.

He secured 23,264 votes against 946 by Mr. Mahiuddin Khan (Congress) and 101 by Mr. N. Rahman, the non-contesting League candidate 432 votes were rejected.

The defeated candidates have forfeited their security money.

Challenge To Jawahar

RAJSHAHI. A challenge to Pandit Nehru to win a single Muslim seat either in the Central or Provincial Legislative Assemblies was made by Mr. H. S. Suhrawardy, former Minister of the Government of Bengal, Board, addressing an election meeting here.

They had to fight two enemies, Mr. Suhrawardy said. One was imperialism and the other the Congress.

Referring to nationalist Muslims, he said that they were only puppets in the hands of the Congress.

Nehru Criticised

CALCUTTA: "The Muslim League is sitting like an incubus on Pandit Nehru's brain" says the Muslim League leader, Mr. Abdur Rahman Siddiqi, who has been elected to the Central Legislative Assembly from the Calcutta and Suburbs Mohammedan Constituency, in a statement today.

Hindus, Sikhs And Christians Decide On Boycott

LAHORE, Dec. 20. (A.P.I.): To protest against the 'inadequate' representation given to non-Muslims on the city of Lahore Corporation the Hindus, Sikhs and Christians have decided to boycott the forthcoming elections to the Corporation. This decision was taken at a meeting of the representatives of Hindus Sikhs and Christians held this evening at the residence of Lala Guranditta Kapur. Mahashe Krishan proprietor of the "Pratap" was in the chair.

A Board of 25 members was formed to give effect to the boycott programme chalked out at the meeting.

SIND CONGRESS CANDIDATES' WALK-OVER.

KARACHI, Dec. 21. (A.P.I.): Miss Jethi Sipahimalani and Mr. Issardas Varandmal, two Congress candidates were to-day returned unopposed to the Sind Assembly from their respective constituencies.

Miss Jethi Sipahimalani represents the Women's General constituency, while Mr. Issardas represents the India Commerce.

The three European sitting members namely Col. H. J. Mahon, Mr Fraser and Col. W. B. Hassock were also returned unopposed.

FRUIT PRODUCTS CONTROL ORDER

NEW DELHI, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): To provide for the manufacture of fruit and vegetable products under hygienic conditions and in accordance with the prescribed standards of quality the Government of India have issued a Fruit Products Control Order devised in consultation with the provincial governments and fruit preserving associations, says a press note.

NO JURISDICTION PLEA IN I.N.A. OFFICER'S TRIAL

LAHORE, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.)—The jurisdiction of the Court Martial trying Captain Buhranuddin, an officer of the Indian Nation Army, was questioned today at the Lahore High Court through a 'habeas corpus' petition moved by Mr. M. Sleem, former Advocate-General of the Punjab, before Mr. Justice Mohammad Munir.

His Lordship after hearing preliminary arguments issued a notice to the president of the Court Martial directing him to stay proceedings in the case against Captain Buhranuddin pending the decision of the 'habeas corpus' petition. His Lordship fixed January 14 for hearing the petition.

Moving the petition, Mr. Sleem submitted that Captain Buhranuddin was a subject of an Indian State and was also not arrested in India. The Court Martial had, therefore, no jurisdiction to try him for offences committed outside India. Mr. Sleem requested His Lordship to issue a directive under Section 561 (A) of the Criminal Procedure Code to stay proceedings against Buhranuddin pending the decision of this application.

Captain Buhranuddin, it will be recalled, is being tried by a Court Martial in the Red Fort Delhi and the next hearing is fixed for December 27.

PRAY FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE

Nationalist Christians Party's Message

The Executive Committee, Nationalist Christian Party, Bombay, has issued the following Christmas Message:—

After six wartime Christmas Seasons, we are having this Christmastide under the peace won by the victor nations. Even after the cessation of hostilities, the world instead of taking to the Law of Love, presents a state of affairs fraught with grave danger. The after-effects of war, the manoeuvres by the victor nations on the international political chessboard, the suppression of freedom movements all over, the long-drawn trials of war criminals and other politicals and the suicides that follow on account of these, the threatening famines and unemployment, belie the solemn pronouncements made that the last war was fought for freedom, democracy and peace. Peace and happiness that Christmastide reminds us can only reign on this world when man gives up all lust and turns back to God.

The Committee would, therefore, urge all Christians to keep abreast of the times and act in a manner befitting this season of peace and goodwill. Let us rejoice on the birthday of Christ, but maintain the standard of simplicity and sobriety and also pray for justice and freedom for all.

BRITAIN'S ANXIETY TO CONSULT INDONESIAN LEADERS?

Troops May Be Withdrawn As Soon As "Safety Of Internees Is Assured"

LONDON, Dec. 21 (Reuter): An indication that Britain's concern is to withdraw her troops from Indonesia as soon as security and safety of the internees is assured will, according to informed quarters, be given to the Dutch Prime Minister Prof. Schermerhorn and the Netherlands East Indies Lieutenant-Governor General Dr. Hubertus Van Mook when they meet Prime Minister Clement Attlee in London next week.

The Dutch representatives writes Fraser Wighton, Reuter's Political Correspondent, are likely to be told also that Britain is anxious that they should consult with Indonesian leaders to reach an agreement.

Prof. Schermerhorn and Dr. Van Mook are expected in London on December 26 and they will be accompanied, it is believed, by the Colonial Minister M. J. H. A. Van Logemann.

British responsibility towards the Dutch is recognised but from this it does not follow that British troops can be regarded as an instrument for imposing Dutch will upon Indonesians.

NEW ALLIED DRIVE IN JAVA?

From Batavia, Reuter's Special Correspondent, Noel Buckley reported today that Lieutenant-General Sir Miles Dempsey, Commander of the Allied Land Forces in South-East Asia and Air-Marshal Sir Keith Park, Air Commander-in-Chief, South-East Asia, arrived by air and left again within a few hours. No information was given about the object of their visit although Dutch sources said earlier that they would discuss with the Allied Commander-in-Chief, in Java, Sir Philip Christison, matters arising from the recent conference of Allied leaders at Singapore. It was reported at the time that the decisions taken at Singapore included a new Allied drive in Java to extend the areas under secure Allied control.

It was reported to-day from Jogjakarta, the centre of Java's Nationalist movement near the south coast, that a new Indonesian party with "left wing national" tendencies had been formed.

COMMUNISTS REPLY

Congress Working Committee's Charges

DRAFTED BY P.C. JOSHI.

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CURRENT PHOTOPLAYS

Novelty: 3rd Week

SPECTACLE 'PAR EXCELLENCE'

Kishore Sahu's VEER KUNAL is one of the best-mounted picture ever to come out of an Indian studio. Before our gaze arises the Mauryan kingdom of Pataliputra in all its beauty and magnificence.

Shobhana Samarth excels in her unsympathetic role of Tishyarakshita, the haughty and lustful consort of the great Ashok. Kishore Sahu is restrained as Prince Kunal who, happily married, spurns the advances of his step-mother.

The film is filled with sequences of dramatic intensity, and achieves an almost awe-inspiring finale. It contains four tuneful melodies pleasantly woven into its beauteous fabric.

Here is a picture to be seen and enjoyed.

★

New West End: 10th Week

MINERVA HISTORICAL

Sorab Modi's latest venture, EK-DIN-KA-SULTAN tells the interesting tale of a 'bhisti' who saved the life of one of the Moghul rulers, and as a reward, was permitted to mount the royal 'gadi' for a day! What he did during his brief kingship and how he wooed and won the hand of a princess, the picture sets out to tell.

Mehtab and Wasti share stellar honours. The picture has been very lavishly produced and painstakingly directed by Sorab Modi.

Alnasir and Ragini in "Dhamki"

HAMARA SCREEN

Ramola in "Albeli"

★

This Week's New Films

CHITRARUPA'S "SULEH" OPENS

At *Taj Talkies*

Yesterday saw the release of the latest picture from Calcutta—SULEH which stars the ever-popular Bengali actress Jamuna, erstwhile protege of Barua. Ahin Choudhary plays the male lead opposite her, while Biman Banerji is also in the cast.

The picture is described by advance reports, as depicting "a tussle between war and peace". It is a Pearl release.

★

RAMOLA ROMPS AGAIN

At *The Central*

Talwar Productions' ALBELI will have its gala premiere this evening. It promises to be a wondrous offering from that talented trio: Ramola the female Puck of the Indian Screen—Talwar clever producer-director—and J. S. Cashyap who has won renown as an able playwright.

"Albeli" tells a story of gypsy life and is filled with melodious music, gay lyrics and ravishing dances. Love, life and laughter parade through it in rapid succession. Ramola plays the part of a beggar girl who steals the heart of a dashing, hot blooded young gypsy—a role enacted by handsome Satish. Sunder, Roopkekha, Manorama and Hiralal are also in the cast.

Here is a film that provides a veritable feast of entertainment for young and old rich and poor.

Watch out for a fuller review next week.

★

Swastik: 4th Week

"BISVI SADI" CONTINUES

Veteran producer Bhavnani presents us, in his new photoplay, with a story of theatrical life complicated by numberless domestic issues owing to the orthodoxy of an old man who cannot brook the idea of his educated son becoming an actor or of his marrying an actress.

Enaxi Ram Rao was the scenarist while Bhavnani himself directed the film which has Motilal and Nargis at the head of a cast consisting of Mazhar Khan and others. The musical score was composed by Panalal Ghosh.

CALL OF THE DESERT

At *Kamal Talkies*

The desert has a curious fascination with its sandy tracts, its palmy groves so scarce and so welcome, its voluptuous music, its enchanting spell that lures to it the adventurous and the romantic. All this, we are promised in Jagriti Pictures' SONG OF THE DESERT or NAGHM-e-SAHARA, which is to have its premiere to-day.

The picture, directed by Bhagwan, has the following cast: Kurshid Jr., Master Vithal, Basant, Amar Nath, Shanta Patel and Bhagwan providing the comic relief. The film is described as "a song-studded Arabian Fantasy. It ought to contain music and songs galore.

ANOTHER PANCHOLI PICTURE

At *The Minerva*

Pancholi keeps on turning out pictures with great regularity. Close on the heels of "Kaise Kahun?" comes the newest Ragini vehicle—DHAMKI. It is said to be a story of crime through which runs the silken thread of romance. Opposite Ragini, is Alnasir as the male lead.

Pt. Amarnath has contributed his musical score to the picture which has been directed by Ravindra Dave.

★ Shanta Rin in "Zeenat" ★

Capitol: 3rd Week

STORY OF JOINT FAMILY

Prakash Pictures' latest social HAMARA SANSAR is a starring vehicle for Ranjanna who attracted quite a lot of attention in Prakash's mythological hits. Umakant is the hero of the picture which also contains some good work from minor players such as Sushil Kumar, Sushil Mookerji, Jeevan and Rajkumari Shukla.

'Hamara Sansar' has a plot based on the well-known joint family system prevalent among Hindus. The dance sequences in the picture, were composed by Snarad Shukla, while the megaphone was wielded by Shantikumar.

Krishna: 7th Week

A SAIGAL FILM

Jayant Desai's social, TADBIR, is, naturally, embellished with many songs containing as it does, Saigal as the chief star. Playing opposite the singing star is Suraiya. The team is supported by Salvi, Mubarak and Zilou.

'Tadbir' recounts the story of a man whose stars foretell an evil destiny. His wise mother brings him up to combat his fate and this he does, very successfully, under her able guidance. Instead of bringing shame to the good name of the family, he confers lustre upon it.

Super: 7th Week

A MUSLIM SOCIAL

Eastern Pictures' ZEENAT, is a powerful drama of a woman who faces ostracism and hardship before she is able to prove the paternity of her posthumous daughter.

Noorjehan plays the chief role and receives able support from Yakub, Shah Nawaz and old-timer Bibbo. Shaukat Hussain directed this photoplay which contains the music of Mir Saheb.

Women will discover great appeal in this picture which champions their sex.

Kishore Sahu as "Veer Kunal"

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Ranji Trophy

Nawanagar Out For 218 In First Innings

With Lead Of 110, Baroda XI Scores 184 For 2 Wickets After Lunch

JAMNAGAR, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): Kumar Shree Jayendrasinhji and Rajkumar Shree Yadavendrasinhji resuming batting this morning carried the overnight score to 170 before Rajkumar Shree Yadavendrasinhji was held by Powar as fine leg off Ahmed Patel, his contribution being 58.

Kumar Shree Jayendrasinhji was soon afterwards caught by Hazare (Sr.) off Ahmed Patel. The next pair Mohansingh and Mubarakali raised the score to 202 when Mubarakali's play terminated smartly held at squarish long on by Adhikari off Hazare (Sr.). The last two wickets fell cheaply for 16 runs, Nawanagar's first innings thus closing for 218 runs

SCORES:

NAWANAGAR (First Innings):

Yadavendrasinhji c Powar b Ahmed Patel	58
Jayendrasinhji c Hazare (Sr.) b Ahmed Patel	19
Mubarakali c Adhikari b Hazare	28
Mehta stumped Nimbalkar b Amir Elahi	6
Mansingh l.b.w. Nimbalkar b Amir Elahi	5
Extras	5
Total	218

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hazare (Sr.)	36	14	58	
Ahmed Patel	13	3	28	2
Amir Elahi	34/2	9	65	4
Hazare (Jr.)	15	4	23	
Yakub Shaikh	12	4	14	1
Adhikari	2	0	6	0
Gulmohmed	6	1	15	

With a lead of 110 runs, the Baroda Eleven opened their second innings after lunch, Yakub Shaikh and Raifi facing the attacks from Mansingh and Mubarakali.

The first wicket fell at 35 when Raiji snicked Mubarakali's ball into the wicket-keeper's hands. Yakub Shaikh was next dismissed after he had collected 43.

The first hundred was registered after the play had lasted 104 minutes.

Adhikari next became associated with Hazare (Sr.) They carried the score to 109 when play was adjourned for tea, Adhikari not out 32, Hazare (Sr.) not out 12.

On resumption of play after tea Adhikari played cautiously in partnership with Hazare (Sr.) reaching his individual 50 in 129 minutes stay at the wicket. Unperturbed by frequent bowling changes the pair remained unseparated till the close of play when the score was 184 for two wickets, Adhikari batting 64 Hazare (Sr.) batting 47.

BARODA (Second Innings):

Raiji c Krishnalal Mehta b Mubarakali	1
Yakub Shaik run out	43
Adhikari batting	3
Hazare (Sr.) batting	1

HYDERABAD SCORES 310 FOR SEVEN WICKETS

HYDERABAD, Dec. 21 (API): A brilliant century by Albara and a solid knock of 85 by Ali Hasan were the features of the match between Hyderabad and C. P. and Berar in the Cricket Championship of India for the Ranji Trophy which commenced here to-day.

At the end of the day's play, Hyderabad batting first had made 310 runs for the loss of seven wickets.

Australian Test Bowler Dead

HOBART (TASMANIA), Dec. 21 (Reuter): The former Australian test bowler, C. J. Eady, who toured England in 1876, died here today. Joe Darling is now the only surviving member of the side.

U.P. OPENS DISASTROUSLY AGAINST BENGAL IN EAST ZONE

CAWNPORE, Dec. 21 (API): The attendance was better to-day when play was resumed in the East Zone match for the All-India Ranji Trophy between U.P. and Bengal.

With the addition of only eight runs, United Provinces were all out in their first innngs for 99.

BENGAL MEETS EARLY REVERSE

With a lead of 27 runs on the first innings, Bengal opened their second innings with M. Sen and P. B. Dutt but met with early reverse. At 19 Sen was clean bowled by Majid for one. P. Sen joined Dutt and the pair carried the score to 53 before P. Sen was caught in the slips by Majid off Bashir for 13.

Dutt who was joined by N. Chatterji soon completed his individual 50 after a stay of 80 minutes, his principal strokes being 9 fours. With the addition of only 1 more to his score, Dutt was out l.b.w. to Firasat. (81—3—51). One run later Bengal lost one more wicket, their Captain, K. Bose who had replaced Dutt was caught in the gully by Firasat off Majid for one.

The Maharaja of Cooch Bihar joined Chatterjee and ten minutes before lunch the century of the innings was put up and when lunch was taken Bengal had made 111 for four wickets.

CHATTERJEE EXCELS

On resumption after lunch, the rate of scoring was very slow. Maharaja of Cooch Bihar was bowled by Firasat for 33. The fifth wicket partnership realised 76 runs. D. R. Puri, next man in was out for 11 and then at 188 Chatterjee who was playing excellent cricket was out l.b.w. for 71, hitherto the highest scorer.

Parthasarathi had scored 36 when he was caught by Khawaja off Firasat and Bengal were all out in their second innings for 239 runs. Firasat was again the most successful bowler with five wickets for 68 runs and Majid took three for 49.

Scores:—

BENGAL'S SECOND INNINGS

M Sen b Majid	1
P B Dutt l.b.w. b Firasat	51
P Sen c Majid b Bashir	13
N Chatterjee l.b.w. b Firasat	71
K Bose c Firasat b Majid	1
H H Cooch Bihar b Firasat	33
D R Puri b Sisar	11
K Bhattacharji st Mazhar b Firasat	6
T B Parthasarathy c Khawaja b Majid	36
S Bannerjee b Firasat	13
N Chaudhury not out	0
Extras	3
Total	239

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Nisar	15	3	57	1
Majid	17	3	49	3
Bashir	17	5	52	1
Firasat	32	6	68	5
Naseem	2	0	10	0

U. P. DISASTER

U. P. opened their second innings disastrously and at close of play had made 17 runs for the loss of two wickets. U. P. with eight wickets in hand require 248 runs for an outright win.

U. P.'S FIRST INNINGS

Bashir not out	4
Fazal Halim b Puri	5
Total	99

U. P.'S SECOND INNINGS

Asaundhi b Puri	0
S Ganguli batting	15
Mazhar l.b.w. b Puri	0
Wahidullah batting	2
Total (for 2 wkts.)	17

'VARSITY SPORTS

Bombay Wins Athletic Championship

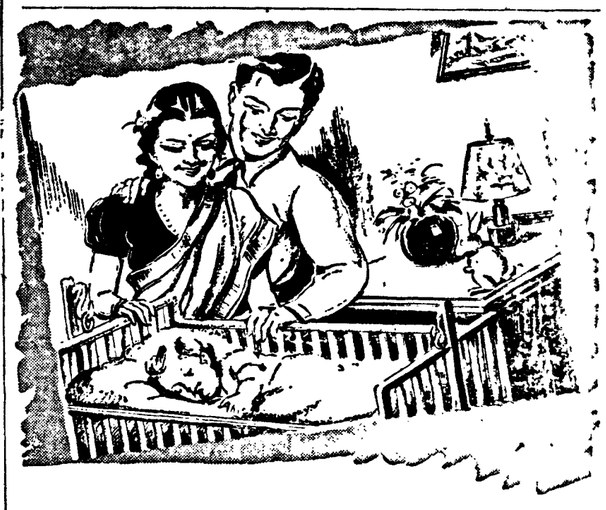
POONA, Dec. 21 (API): Bombay won the Athletic Championships this year in the Inter-Group Bombay University sports which concluded on the Fergusson College grounds to-day. They scored 55 points as against 43 of Karnatak. In the general championship, Bombay again topped, scoring 75 points as against Poona's 65 1/2

Over 100 athletes from Bombay, Poona, Karnatak, Southern Maharashtra, Gujarat, Kathiawar and Sind participated in the championship. Mr. B. G. Kher, former Premier of Bombay, presided on the occasion.

Bombay will be the venue of the next year's meeting.

Bengal Lawn Tennis

CALCUTTA, Dec. 21 (A.P.I.): The Mixed Doubles Final, the last remaining event to the Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships, was decided to-day at the Calcutta South Club. Dilip Bose and Miss Sansoni beat Irshad Hussain and Mrs. Cargin 6/2, 6/4.



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NO EARLY RELAXATION OF CLOTH CONTROL

Krishnaraj Says Shortage Caused By Delay On Part Of Controllers

Causes for the shortage of cloth were set forth by Mr. Krishnaraj M. D. Thackersey, Chairman of the Textile Control Board, addressing the Board's meeting, on Friday. Sir Akbar Hydari, Member for Information and Broadcasting and for the Department of Civil Supplies and Industries of the Viceroy's Executive Council, was present.

Mr. Krishnaraj Thackersey stated that he understood that from January 6, 1946, the Textile Control Department would be separated from the Industries and Civil Supplies Department and would be brought within the purview of the Supply Department.

In the course of his speech, Mr. Krishnaraj Thackersey said:—

"I am sorry to have to state that the present outlook is not favourable and that as conditions now exist it is not possible to remove control as quickly as was at one time anticipated. It is agreed on all hands that control should be removed as early as possible but until the present world shortage in textiles is removed, it will be necessary to retain control to ensure that whatever supplies are available are distributed as fairly and equitably as possible.

"If any relaxation is made at this juncture the situation may seriously worsen and this will only result in a further aggravation of the short supplies resulting in resumption of black-market activities. It is our earnest desire that control should be relaxed gradually and in an orderly way. This will be done as soon as it becomes possible but it will be difficult indeed at this stage to indicate any time limit within which this may be accomplished.

GOVERNMENT DELAY

"One of the important contributory causes to the shortage of cloth is the inordinate delay in the release of cloth by Provincial and State Controllers for consumption within a reasonable time. As a step towards the removal of this defect and restoration of normal trade channels, it has been recommended by your Distribution Committee that all cloth and yarn frozen in the hands of the wholesale dealers should automatically be free for sale within the zone in which it is located after it has been in the possession of the wholesale dealers for 60 days unless disposal instructions had by that time been received. I have no doubt that everyone will agree that 60 days is a reasonable period of time and that Government will agree to accept this fair suggestion.

"You will find that the reductions in prices vary from 54 to 65 per cent and that the cloth in which reductions have been effected comprise of all varieties irrespective of whether they are coarse, medium, fine and super-fine. You will, I hope, agree with me when I say that the industry has gone as far as it could in consonance with its policy of gradual price reductions in spite of the various handicaps to which it has been subjected. It is the earnest desire of the Industry's Committee that this policy of gradual reductions in prices should be continued.

"However, since the last reductions in the prices of cloth and yarn, a certain number of uneconomical units are finding it extremely difficult to continue to maintain their production; some of them, at any rate, are on the point of closing down, as with the increase in the price of cotton it has not been possible for them to make both ends meet. While it is considered unwise at this stage to depart from the uniform policy of an all-India price structure for cloth and yarn, I am afraid a stage has been reached when any downward revision in the price level will only tend to increase the creation of more such uneconomical units, which will, in that event, be faced with no other option except to close down operations resulting in a further aggravation of the shortage in supplies. The situation is, however, being closely watched and every possible step will be taken to ensure that production is not curtailed.

COAL SHORTAGE

"As usual the coal situation during the months of October, November and December has worsened. In 1943 we had a very serious drop in coal supplies in these very particular months. In 1944 the same thing happened; in 1945 it has happened again. The Indore mills and a large number of up-country mills have been shut down. I agree that this is seasonal and may perhaps recur every year for some years to come. The only way in which it would be possible to avoid any curtailment of production arising out of stoppages of these mills are facing is the high in Ahmedabad and such other mills as are situated on the B.B. and C.I. main Railway line between Bombay and Ahmedabad having railway sidings should use fuel oil instead of coal. One of the handicaps which these mills are facing is the high incidents of railway freight, and in order that these mills may be encouraged to switch over to the use of fuel oil, your Industry's Committee has strongly recommended to the Government that they should give all possible assistance to the mills concerned particularly by decreasing the incidence of railway freight and that they should not play about with this important question as they had done in connection with the Pipe Line proposal.

Mr. Krishnaraj Thackersey gave tributes to the valuable and wholehearted co-operation given by Sir Akbar Hydari, Mr. H. M. Patel and Mr. B. C. Patel.

Fatalities In City

BOMBAY, Friday.

A dead body of an unknown coolie was taken charge of by Kurla Police and has been sent to the morgue. It was stated that yesterday at about 4-30 p.m., a lorry (No. B.M.T. 8176) driven by Hussein Kadar was proceeding along Andheri-Kurla Road and when the lorry reached the junction of Bell Bazar, a coolie tried to get down from the moving lorry; he slipped and fell down and sustained injuries. He was unconscious and died on the way to the hospital.

A dead body of an unknown Hindu boy aged about 10 years was taken charge of this morning. The body was found at Warden Seashore. The body has not yet been identified.

An unknown Hindu was run-over and killed on the spot by a B. E. S. T. tramcar No. 123 near Victoria Gardens this morning at 6-30. The body was badly mutilated.

Diamond Jubilee Of Little's Oriental Balm

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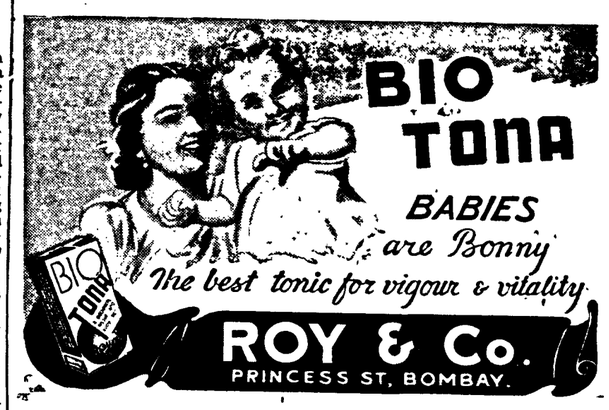

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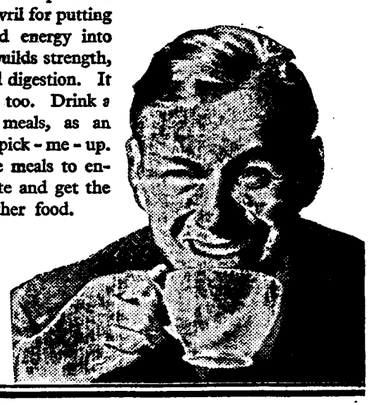

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SYSTEMATIC SLAUGHTER OF INDO-CHINESE NATIONALISTS

LONDON, Dec. 21. (U.P.I.)

Slowly the news of intense repression being carried out in countries in South-East Asia by Dutch and French imperialists is reaching London. In this connection, the "News Chronicle" today front-pages a despatch from its Sydney correspondent which gives details of the most horrible atrocities perpetrated by French troops in Annam.

The dispatch is based on the report by the special correspondent of the "Sydney Sun" in Saigon who writes that French troops in their drive to clear-up Indo-China have been perpetrating wholesale butchery and torturing of captured Annamite soldiers.

According to this correspondent, 16 wounded Annamites found in an ambulance were killed by French patrol.

The reconquest of Indo-China, he adds, with a systematic slaughter of Indo-Chinese nationalists seems to be the French policy. He quotes one French Field Officer justifying the French action by saying: "The natives fear the insurgents more than the French. That is all wrong and only when we are more feared than the insurgents, can order be restored."

Victory Day

BOMBAY WILL BE CITY OF LIGHTS ON MONDAY NIGHT

Illumination Of Prominent Buildings, Fire Work Displays And Parade In Brabourne Stadium

Bombay will be a real city of lights on Monday night (December 24) with illumination and fireworks displays as part of the Victory Day celebrations.

The displays have been fixed to begin at 7-15. They will take place both ashore and afloat and coloured searchlights will illuminate the skies over the Harbour.

Prominent buildings in the city will be brightly illuminated. The Gateway of India and the Town Hall will be flood-lit and the Civil Secretariat, the Rajabai Clock Tower, the High Court, the Public Works Department Secretariat, the Cowasji Jehangir Hall and the Prince of Wales Museum will be outlined in electric lights.

A fire float will lie off the Gateway of India and from it coloured searchlights will operate. Vessels of the Royal Indian Navy in the Harbour will be illuminated and will discharge rockets for about half an hour.

The fireworks displays have been arranged at sites most easily visible to the greatest number of people. They will take place from the concreate breakwater and beach near Government House; in the centre of Back Bay, about half a mile offshore opposite the Hindu Gymkhana on Marine Drive; on Chowpatty Beach; and at the northern end of the south Reclamation wall. In the north of the island there will be displays at Shivaji Park and on the beach west of Shivaji Park.

PARADE AT STADIUM

For the parade in the Brabourne Stadium on Monday morning persons holding invitation cards for Blocks A, B, C, D, E and J should go to the Stadium 'via' Marine Drive and Dinsha Wachha Road and enter the Stadium by the small entrance near the Governor's Pavilion. Members of the Cricket Club of India and their guests will use this same route and enter the Club House by the Club House entrance. All cars will be parked on Dinshaw Wachha Road and Marine Drive and no special arrangements will be made for owner-driven cars.

Those with invitation cards for Blocks F, G, H and I should go via Churchgate Street and enter the Stadium at the main Churchgate Street entrance. The north stand of the Stadium will be open, without admission cards, to members of the public who will use the the Church gate Street entrance. All cars and vehicles will be parked on the north side of Churchgate Street and the west side of Marine Drive and those arriving by car are advised to walk from the parking places to the entrance.

The stands on the west side of the Stadium will be available for Service personnel and their families, who will use the Marine Drive entrance.

All invitees should be in their seats before 8-30 a.m. Otherwise they may be seriously delayed and unable to reach the seats allotted to them. His Excellency the Governor will arive at nine o'clock and, during the subsequent ceremony, lasting about half an hour, will speak for about seven minutes.

Governor To Address Victory Parade

Bombay's big Victory Parade on Monday (December 24) will be addressed by His Excellency the Governor.

His Excellency will arrive at the Brabourne Stadium at nine o'clock and the subsequent ceremony there will take approximately half an hour. The Governor himself will speak for about seven minutes.

Persons invited to the Stadium, as well as those members of the public who wish to attend, should be in their seats by 8-30.

Future Peer Has Chinese Wife

LONDON, Dec. 20. (U.P.A.): Hriao Li (pursuing light) daughter of a retired Colonel in the Chinese Army, may become the first Chinese wife of a peer.

She is the wife of Mr. Michael Lindsay whose father is Dr. Alexander Lindsay the Master of Balliol, one of the new Labour peers. Mr. Lindsay married her at an American College in Peking, where he taught Economics, in 1941. They have two small children.

Death Of Retired Superintendent Municipal Aided Schools

Mr. Ahmedali A. Nurbhai, B. A., retired Suprintendent, Municipal Aided Schools, ex-Hon. Secretary Saifi High School and Treasurer, Anjuman-e-taraqqi-e-Urdu, Bombay, expired at his residence at New Nagpada on Thursday.

The funeral ceremony took place in the afternoon which was largely attended.

He leaves behind him his widow, two sons and three daughters.

The Ziyarat Ceremony will take place at 9 A. M. today (Saturday).

MR. P. L. MODY

A veteran journalist of Bombay who recently retired from the editorial department of the "Sanj Vartaman", the well-known Gujarati evening daily, after serving for 25 years as its editor. A staunch social reformer and public worker, it was mainly through his efforts that the centenary of the great Hindu reformer, the late Karsondas Mulji, was celebrated in Bombay with eclat two year ago. He served as a member of the Ghatkoper-Kirol Municipality for several years. He has written several books in Gujarati.

FOOD SITUATION IN KARNATAK SERIOUS

Authorities Declare 50 Villages As Famine Areas

N. L. Upadhyaya, Karnatak Organiser of the Communist Party writes:

The food situation in the Karnatak district of Bombay Province is very distressing. The lack of rain has resulted in complete collapse of food production in several parts. In many places the harvest is less than one-fourth of the normal. Hundreds of villagers have already started migrating to the town in search of jobs.

This has affected the livestock and cattle considerably. The seriousness of the situation has not been fully realised by the authorities. The steps they have taken so far are very inadequate and disappointing. The District Magistrate of Dharwar has declared only 50 villages as famine areas. The situation in other areas is no better.

The suffering which the people has to undergo in Bijapur during the last famine due to the neglect and complacency of the Government officials is still fresh in the minds of the people. The authorities should immediately take prompt steps to ease the situation and give timely relief to the people.

CHANDA RAMJI GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Annual Sports-Prize-Distribution Ceremony of the school took place to-day. Sheth Pranlal Dookaran Nanji presided over the function and Mrs. Pranlal distributed the prizes.

A variety of programme of music dance skits etc. was put forward by the girls of the school. Some of these items were much appreciated by the audience.

At the end of the programme the Principal of the School Miss Nawajbai Contractor welcomed the President and Mrs. Pranlal Distributed the prizes.

In his presidential speech Sheth Pranlal appreciated the work of the girls and appreciated the work of the students. He concluded his remarks by announcing a handsome donation.

The chorus singing of Vande Matram brought the function to a close.

HYDARI VISITS FAMOUS CINE LABORATORY

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Sir Akbar Hydari, in charge of the Department Information and Broadcasting is likely to attend a quarterly meeting of the Textile Control Board on Friday.

He arrived in Bombay on Wednesday and is likely to stay in the city for about a week.

Sir Akbar, spent about two hours to-day morning at the Famous Cine Laboratory and Studios at Mahaluxmi.

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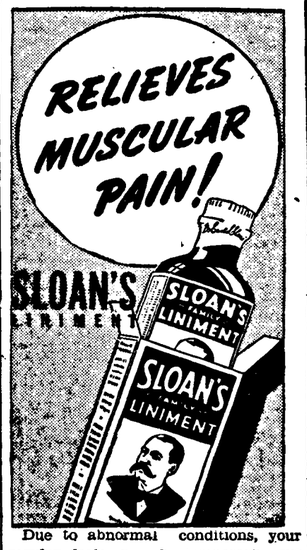

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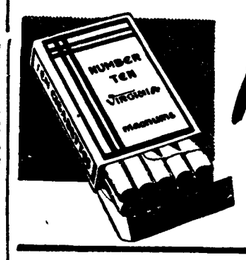

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Stock Exchange Closes With Good Undertone

NARROW PRICE MOVEMENT IN COTTON MARKET

Professional Selling In Gold

BOMBAY Dec. 21.

There was holiday feeling in the market and those who expected long liquidation over holidays were impressed with the attitude of the market. However a section believed that in the New Year the market will open with optimistic feeling and fresh gains will be recorded in active speculative counters which will attract professional unloading. All these are problematic expectations and bulls are still making attempts to push up quotations in selective scrips. Kohinoor Mill Shares reached a new high level with usual talk of a corner Tata Steel Ltd. Shares opened at Rs. 2652 and after improving to Rs. 2670. steadied at Rs. 2665. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 472 and steadied at Rs. 474. Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 2212 and after advancing to Rs. 2225 were quoted at Rs. 2223. Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 694 and rose to Rs. 703.

Bombay Dyeing 2220 Century 955 Nagpur 443/8 Swadeshi 668 New Great 440 Simplex 337/8 Kohinoor 702 Colaba 312 Gokak 334 Phoenix 770 Mysore 300 Indian Bleaching 211 Swan 357 Finlay 331/8 Morarjee 786/4 Indore 782/8 Edward Sassoon 840

STEEL SHARES

Tata Steel Ord 480 Tata Steel Dfds. 2675

ELECTRIC

Tata Hydro 216 Andhra 1840 Power 1950 Tram Ord 159/4

CEMENT

Associated Merger 243

INDUSTRIES

Burma 592/8 Alcock 470 Bellapur 256 Shivrajpur 66 Steamer Ord 675 Scindia 43/7 Construction 229

CASH SECTION

MILLS: Apollo 5 Elphinstone 90 1 U Ord 17/10 Defd 2/10 Indian Mfg 3580 Kurla 302/8 Khatau 351/4 Dawn 1215 David 1280 New City 437/8 Minerva 243/12 Bradbury 417/8 Bharucha Dfds 13/6 Bharat 69/12 Madhavji 19 Model 275/14 Laxmi Cotton 1550 Voshnu Cotton 537/8 Western 3595 Standard 505 Sholapur 7115 Sassoon Coton 24/14 Hindustan 3700 Meyer Sassoon 220/4 Tata Mills 79 Ahd. Advance 458/12 Sassoon Silk 95 New Union 26/8 Poddar 360 Madhusudan 492/8 New 92 Shri Nivas 400 Raja Bahadur Poona 125 Berar 331/4

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 207/8 New 170 Surat 262/8 Surat New Premium 132/8 Karachi 237/8 Broach 12/12 Ajmer 14/12 Amalgamated 18/14/6 Jalgaon 11/9 Nagpur 51 Poona 285 Bombay Suburban 245 New Premium 100

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Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

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Apollo 4/14/6 4/14 5
Bharat 69 69/8 69
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Bradbury (Ord) 415 17/8
Central India (Ord) 440 39 45 41 44 43/8
Century 955
Colaba 306/8 6 14 11 12
Edward 841/8 40
Elphinstone (Ord) 88 90
Elphinstone (Pref) 137/8
Finlay 328 27/8 32 30 32/8 31 32 31/8
Gokak 332 30 36 34
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Indore 785 80 82/8
Kohinoor 696 94 701 700 705/8 700/8 703 1/8 3 2
Khatau 351/4
Luxmi 1550
Madhusudan 492/8
Meyer 220 17/8 20
Model (275)
Morarjee 785 86/4
New City 437/8
New Great 433 41 38 41 40
Phoenix 770
Podar 360
Sassoon Cotton 24/8 24/14
Shrinivas 400
Simplex 335 34/8 39 35/8 38 37
Swadeshi 661 65 62 68 64 70 65 69 68
Swan 356/8 57/8 56 58 56 57 55/8 57
Tata Mills 77 79
Vishnu 537/8
Central Provinces Rly. 111/8

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Baroda 171/8 72
Central 104 3/8 4/4
India 225 25/8 25
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United Commercial 91

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Ahmedabad 205 7/8
Andhra Valley (1840)
Tram (Ord) 155 59/12 58/8 59/4
Tram (Pref) (72/8)
Hydro 216
Power 1950 55 50

INSURANCE.

Indian Mercantile 72
British India 29/8 29/12
Jupiter 43/8 43 44 43/8 44/8
New India 96/8 26/12 96 98/8 97
Bombay Steam 665 75
Scindia 42/4 42 43/12 43/4 43/7
Jam Wire 138
Bengal Steel 46/6 46/2 46/8 46/1 46/4
Indian Iron 53/8 53/2 53/8 53/2 53/4
Tata Steel (Defd) 2650 40 51/4 47/8 62/8 56/4 77/8 66/4 70 56/8 75
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Tata Steel (2nd Pref) 163/8 63/12 68 68/4

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 470 71/4 67/8 70
A. Cement 242 41/12 44/4 42/12 43/8
Belapur 256 54 57/8 54/8 56
Burmah (Old) 590 92/8 90 95 92/8
Burmah (New) 203/2 2/8
B. B. Petrol 6/5 6/4/8 6/5/8
Dena Invest. 27
Indian Bleaching 210 8/8 11/8 11
P. Construction 227 26 29 27 29
Shivrajpur 65 66 65/8 66
Tata Chemical 18/12 19/8 19/4 21 20/6 21/6 21/4
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Tata Oil 83/12 83/8
Walchadnagar 760
Western India 355

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INSURANCE

Oriental 6760 Empire 1232/8 New India 97 Jupiter 44/8 Vulcan 19/12 Indian Mercantile 72 Universal 15/6 Vasant 25/8 Bl. I.Gen. 28/4 Ind. Prud 51/8 Neptune 11/8 New Great 29

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MISCELLANEOUS

Burma New 202/8 Burma Petrol 6/5/6 Tata Oil 83/8 Mackenzie 150 Jort Canning 107/8 Kemp 616/4 Zandu 216/4 Indian Radio Ord 391/4 B 330 Dfds 425 Indian Investment Trust 127 Wimco 355 Tata Chemical 21/4 Dharamsi Chemical 36/6 Mukund Iron 14/8 Dena Trust 27 Alembic 322/6 Supreme Industries 230 Jam Wire 136 Bombay Uganda 82 Bombay Cycle 38/8 Indian Cement (1937) 42 Walchand Nagar Industries 760

PREFERENCE SHARES

Tata Steel 1st 229/6 Tata Steel Second 168/4 Tram 72/8 Andhra 1600 Tata Power 1700 Hydro 163/4 Bombay Steam 352/8 Nagpur 732/8 Vishnu 780 Laxmi 302/8 New Great 251/4 Poddar 117 Shri Nivas 101 Elphinstone 136/4 Bradbury 530 Surat Elec 215 Premier Construction First 135 Premier Construction Second 135/8 Amalgamated 153/12 Tata Chemical 123/12 Walchandnagar Industries 283/12 Jupiter 18/10

OUTSIDE SHARES

Indian Iron and Steel 53/4 Bengal Steel 46/4 Indian Copper 4/11 B. I. C. 9 Burma. Corporation 7/15 New Victoria Mill 8/15 New Victoria Pref. 11/14 Cawnpore Tex 13/8 Raja Tex 64 Phalton 160 Gold Monar 355 New Kaiser Hind 2575 Sajjan Mills 420 Osmanshahi 360 Ajamshahi 600

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The Bullion Market was quiet to-day with a restricted turnover. It appears that at higher levels professional operators are liquidating a portion of their long interest in Gold. This attitude is checking price movement. Forward Gold opened to-day at Rs. 83 and declined to Rs. 82/12 and steadied at Rs. 82/13 Forward Silver also opened at Rs. 133/13 and after declining to Rs. 133/8 steadied at Rs. 133/10. Trading was restricted the market looks like sagging.

The market ruled quiet on steady selling by professionals and closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Gold	82	3	0
Forward Gold	82	3	0
Sovereigns	59	0	0
Ready Silver	133	3	0
Forward Silver	133	3	0

Pre-Holiday Feeling In American Markets

NARROW PRICE MOVEMENTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.

Wall Street opened steady but quiet, and during early morning trading mixed prices dominated and commitments were lightened as a protection against the lengthy weekend. Dealings were among the slowest for the past six months with a general downward trend. Losses ranging upto two points shaded towards the close and a few modest gains appeared. Trading was generally of a pre-holiday character and the market closed easy.

American Telephone 187-5/8 188-1/2), Amerex Corpn. 36-1/4 (36-1/4), Anaconda Copper 43-3/4 (44), Chase National 44-1/8 (44), Sinclair Oil 19-1/2 (19-1/2), Firestone Tyre 68-3/4 (67-3/4), General Electric 46-5/8 (46-5/8), General Motors 73 (73-5/8), Ingersol Rand 135 (134), International Nickel 36-3/4 (37-1/8), National City Bank 47 (47), New York Central 33-1/8 (33-1/2), Sacony Vacuum Corpn 17-1/8 (17) Texas Corpn 59 (59), Union Carbon 99-1/4)99-1/2), U. S. Smelting 70-1/4 (69) U. S. Steel Corpn 80-1/4 (80-3/4), Western Union Telegraph 51-1/2 (52).

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York Cotton Market opened steady and experienced another quiet pre-holiday market with little news and little activity to arouse outside interests. Routine trade buying and price fixing supplied most of the early limited support, with the mid-December ginning report construed bullishly and suggested the final crop to be below the official December estimate. Support soon waned and trends later were slightly mixed though generlly sagging slightly owing to some tax selling and possibly a little so called Christmas selling. Anderson Clayton, brokers, sold March. The market at noon was quiet. Latterly additional losses met increased mill buying against textile orders and export inquiries. Switching operations were a trading feature. Closed steady.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Chicago grains: Trading was confined to evening up of December although a sharp break in Winnipeg rye attracted offerings. Meanwhile there was a general inclination to await publication of the acreage and condition of winter wheat and rye. Towards the close, December rye declined to the limit under belated liquidation.

December 1.80-1/2 bid (1.80-1/2 bid).
May 1.80-1/2 bid (1.80-1/2 bid).
July 1.77-3/8 to 1.77-3/8 (1.77-1/4 to 1.77-1/4).

WORTH STREET QUIET.

NEW YORK Dec. 20 (U. P. A.): A combination of a sold up position plus the approaching holidays prevented the development of any activity on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth market to-day.

ENGLAND AND INDIA MEMBERSHIPS IN N. Y. COTTON EXCHANKE

NEW YORK. Dec. 20 (UPA). The New York Cotton Exchange 1945 directory revealed today that England and India lead the foreign countries holding memberships in the Exchange.

Of seventy foreign membership, Liverpool held twenty-five memberships while India ranked second with twenty-two—all Bombay merchants.

French merchants possessed six memberships and China, ranking fourth, held four seats.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 20.

January	24.55—01
March	24.66—01
March highest (10 a.m.).	24.69+02
March lowest (12.15 p.m.)	24.63—04
May	24.59+02
July	24.35—01
October	23.41+04
December	23.32+02
January	23.28+03
Middling Spot	25.24—04

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 20.

March	24.67+02
May	24.60—02
July	24.35—05
October	23.43—03
December	23.35—03
Middling Spot	24.35—

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL.

New York, Dec. 20.

March	24.67
May	24.58
July	24.34

LONDON BULLION.

London, Dec. 20.

Spot 44d Forward 44d. Gold Bars Fine per oz. £8/12/3.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 20.

T. T. London on:—

New York sellers 4.02.1/2, buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43, buyers 4.45, Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4 Stockholm sellers 16.85, buyers 16.95.

LONDON WHEAT.

London, Dec. 20.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (new crop) unoffered, Australian Wheat (bulk) 61 quoted Dec. Jan. Australian Wheat (bags) unoffered.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 20.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	74.3/4
Consols 2.1/2 p c	91
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106
War Loan 3.1/2 p c	103-1/16
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	112-3/8
Victory Bonds 4 p c	113.1/8
Chartered Bank of I. A. and China	10-31/32
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	88.1/2
National Bank of India	42-1/2

N. Y. SILVER.

New York, Dec. 20.

United States price of Foreign Silver 71.1 cents.

New York buying price 70.3/4 cents.

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS

Statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 14th December.

Demand Liabilities in India	685,69,39,000
Time Liabilities in India	275,42,11,000
Cash in India:	
(i) Currency Notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	32,02,67,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,33,22,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	75,93,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	75,23,83,000
Advances in India	291,99,70,000
Bills discounted in India	18,86,09,000

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY, Dec 21.

The local Cotton Market was expected to open at Rs. 421/4 for January delivery but the market opened quiet at Rs. 421 and declined to Rs. 420/8 under scattered selling but soon recovered to the opening level. The future course of the market entirely depends upon the net position left after the settlement of monthly teji mandi at 2 p.m. To-day being the annual meeting of the association the market is closing at 3 p.m and operators were watching developments.

The market improved to Rs. 422/8 and steadied at Rs. 421/8 as this level enabled sellers of option rights to earn highest possible profits. Teji mandi were settled at Rs. 421/12 and the market was quiet at Rs. 421.

The market finally closed at 3.30 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. January	421	8	0
I.C.C. March	435	4	0
I.C.C. May	445	4	0

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

I.C.C. Jan. Highest 425, Lowest 421 Closing at 5.30 p.m. 421.

I.C.C. March Highest 437-1/2 Lowest 434.1/2, Closing at 5.30 p.m. 435.

I.C.C. May Highest 446, Lowest 443.1/2 Closing at 5.30 p.m. 444.

Karachi 4F Jan. Highest 44/15/9. Lowest 44/10/6. Closing at 5-30 p.m. 44/11/6.

COTTON PARITY.

Indian Cotton January Contract is 830 cent points below New York January at Exchange rate 331.

BOMBAY PRODUCE.

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

The produce market was fairly steady with a moderate turnover. Groundnuts Bombay Nizam Khandesh quality Rs. 18/4, Madras Goa November-January Rs. 18/6 and December-February Rs. 18/3. Castorseeds Bombay delivery Madras Rs. 16/12. Navlakhi delivery Rs. 16/10 and Goa delivery Rs. 16/14. Linseed Brown Bold Rs. 21/2, Bombay February-March Rs. 21/3 and March-May Rs. 21/5. Navlakhi Rs. 21/5, Satna Rs. 20/4 and Vizagapatam Rs. 19/4.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

3-1/2 p c G. P. Notes 103/7 3 p c 1966/67 99/6 3 p c 1970/75 97/8 4 p c 1960/70 113/4 4-1/2 p c 1955/60 117/8 3-1/2 p c 1947/50.103/8 2-3/4 p c 1948/52 100/5 3 p c 1946 Defence 102/5 3 p c 1949/52 101/14 3 p c 1951/54 101/10 3 p c 1953/54 101/9 3 p c 1957 Victory 100/10 4 p c B. P T 113/13 4 p c M Deb 113/13 5 p c M Deb 120 6 p c M Deb 128 6 p c K P T 129

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec 21.

Tata Ordinary 480, Tata Deferred 2675, Indian Iron 53/4, Steel Corpn. of Bengal 46/4, Bombay Dyeing 2220, Central India 443/2, Century 955, Gokak 334/6, Kohinoor 701/14, Simplex 337 Andhra Valley 1830, Tata Hydro 215/10, Tata Power 1950, Associated Cement 343/8 Belapur 255/10, Bombay Burma (Old) 592/8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE LTD.

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MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec. 21.

LONDON: Banks buying 90 Days/st 1/6 5/32 1 to 4 Months.

Banks buying 90 days/st. 1/6 3/16 5 and 6 Months

B. C. RATES: T. T. 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16.

Banks selling T. T. 1/5 31/32 D. D. 1/5 31/32

Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 D D. 1/6 1/16.

Banks selling T. T. 1/6 31/32 D. D. 1/6 3/4

Banks buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 D D. 1/6 1/16.

LONDON/NEW YORK:

Banks selling T. T. Rs. 332 3/4 D. D. Rs. 332 3/4.

Banks buying T. T. Rs 329 1/2 D D Rs 328-1/2

LONDON/MONTREAL.

Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2 D D. Rs 302 1/2.

Banks buying T. T. Rs. 299 D D. Rs 297 1/2.

Tone of Sterling Exchange: Steadier. Reserve Bank Rate 3 p c. Bank of England Rate 2 p c.

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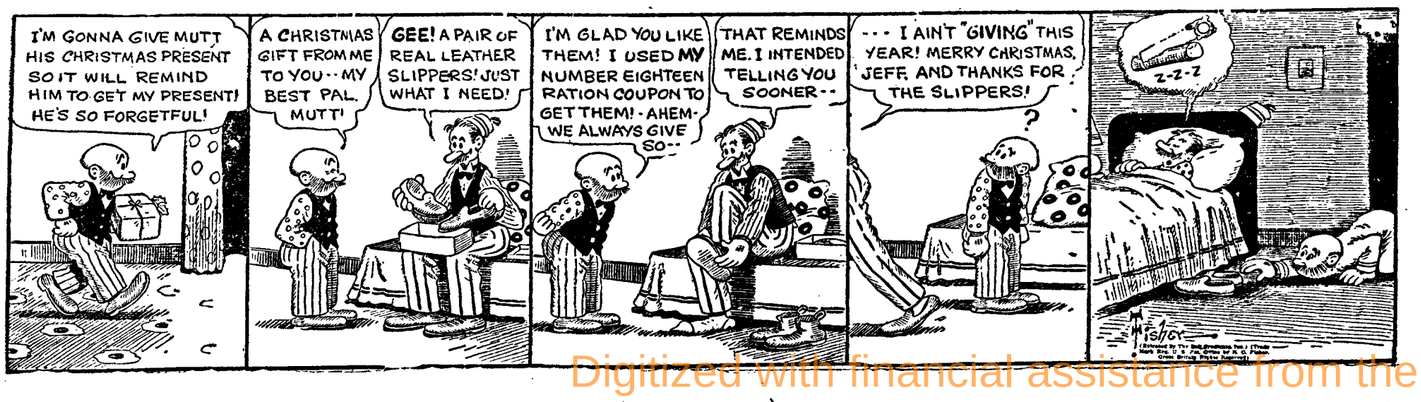
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PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

AN ORDINARY MONTHLY MEETING of the Corporation will be held in the Municipal Office on Monday, the 7th January, 1946, at 3 P.M. (Bombay Time), for the consideration of the following business:—

1. Regarding the appointment of a representative of the Corporation on the Provincial Board of Primary Education.
2. Interpellations.
3. Letter from the Trustees of Seth Nemchand Kachrabhai and Bai Ladkibai Nemchand Charity Trust—Regarding commutation of ground rent of plot No. 56, Lalbaug Estate.

4-5. Letters from the authorities of the (4) Children's Aid Society; and (5) Bombay City Ambulance Corps—Forwarding copies of the Annual Reports, etc., of their respective institutions.

6. Letter from the Lady Superintendent, Dawoodbhai Fazalbhoy Muslim Women's Handicraft Institute—Applying for a grant-in-aid of the Institute and stating reasons for the delay in sending the application.
7. Letter from the Hon. Secretary, Shree Shivaji Vyayam Mandir, Fanaswadi—Thanking the Corporation for giving a grant-in-aid of the institution.
8. Budget Estimates of Income and Expenditure for the year 1946-47 framed by the Standing Committee under Section 126 of the Municipal Act.

Resolutions of the Standing Committee—

9. Regarding the enforcement or otherwise of sanctions obtained for the removal of unauthorised works.
10. Regarding the work of replacing Pressure Recorders on the trunk and distributory water mains, etc.
11. Recommending additional grants to meet the charges incurred by the different departments of the Municipality in excess of Budget grants for previous years.
12. Recommending an additional grant to write off the loss in the working of the Municipal Asphalt Plant at Worli.
13. Regarding the provision to be made in the Budget Estimates for 1946-47 for the Post-War Reconstruction Fund.
14. Recommending additional grant to meet part cost of the purchase of an X-Ray Tube, etc., for the K.E.M. Hospital.
15. Recommending additional grant to meet the cost of Special Pay to a clerk in the Maratha Hospital.
16. Regarding the Schools Committee's Report on the Municipal Chief Auditor's letters relating to the practice followed by them of using the funds of the previous year for supplies received during the following year, etc.
17. Resolution of the Improvements Committee—Regarding the construction of a shed partly on the compulsory open space of a plot at Worli Estate for storing ether, etc.

Resolutions of the Special Committees—

18. Regarding grant of permission to Mr. N. V. Modak, City Engineer, to work as Chairman of the Housing Sub-Committee of the National Planning Committee.
19. Regarding revised estimate for constructing footpaths along certain portions of Tardeo Road, Warden Road and Gibbs Road.
20. Regarding revised estimate for the permanent construction of certain bye-lanes in the City.
21. Regarding certain works required to be carried out to protect the retaining wall on the sea side at Walkeshwar Road.
22. Regarding the Government's reply relating to the question of housing accommodation in Bombay, etc.
23. Regarding plan and estimate for the provision of a pipe sewer along a portion of Victoria Gardens Road.
24. Regarding the reply from the Director of Civil Supplies relating to the quality of foodgrains supplied under the Rationing Scheme.
25. Regarding the Commissioner's report relating to nuisance due to gambling, etc., near Hansraj Wadi, at the foot of Kennedy Bridge.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE'S LETTERS—

26. Regarding the powers of the Schools Committee to spend money out of the School Fund for purposes other than Primary Education.
27. Forwarding copies of the Annual Report of the Boy Scout Movement in Municipal Schools for the year 1944-45
28. Forwarding the quarterly lists of unanswered references from the Corporation.
29. Grant of free studentships to certain students over and above those admissible under the Rules.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE COMMISSIONER—

30. Forwarding the Monthly Chemical and Bacteriological Reports on the Bombay Water Supplies.
31. Reporting that no case of breeding of Malaria carrying mosquito was found during October 1945.
32. Forwarding half-yearly statements showing public roads, streets and new roads constructed, taken over and declared public.

GOVERNMENT LETTERS—

33. Regarding the dispensing with the taking of census and of printing and publishing of registers of non-attending children of school-going age in the City for 1944-45.
34. Forwarding a copy of Government Resolution reconstituting the Bombay City Adult Education Committee.
35. Letter from the Ag. Secretary, Bombay Port Trust—Regarding proposals for modernising certain Bombay Docks.
36. Letter from Mr. D. V. Pradhan—Applying for leave of absence from the Meetings of the Corporation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MUNICIPAL SECRETARY—

37. Submitting a statement of references pending before the Committees of the Corporation
38. Submitting a list of Resolutions calling for reports from the Commissioner which have not been received.
39. Submitting a statement of Interpellations remaining unreplied to by the Commissioner.
40. Confirmation of the Special Committees' Proceedings.
41. Schools Committee's letter—Forwarding printed copies of the Committee's Proceedings.

NOTICES OF MOTIONS—

42-43. From Mr. D. V. Pradhan—For (42) expediting the report of the Committee regarding the question of taking over the Tramways and Electric Supply Services in the City; and (43) making a provision of Rs. 5 lakhs in the Budget for 1946-47 for a Municipal Central Library under Post-War Reconstruction Fund.
44. From Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan—For authorizing expenditure by the Schools Committee for the teaching of Koran, etc., in Municipal Schools.

45-46. From Dr. T. R. Naravane—For (45) laying out a public park at the junction of 'Y' Road (North) and Manmala Tank Road; and (46) shifting the katchra shed at the junction of Lady Jamshedji Road and D. L. Vaidya Road to some other suitable place, etc.

47. From Dr. T. R. Narvane, seconded by Mr. Y. K. Khadilkar—For representing to Government to undertake legislation so as to provide that the monthly rents of properties in the City should be charged according to the English Calendar.
48. From Mr. Salebhoy A. Kader—For expanding the facilities for the medical examination and treatment of the Municipal School children.
49. From Mr. P. K. Savant—For obtaining a report from the Commissioner for naming or renaming important roads in different localities in the City after (a) Col. Jagannathrao Bhonsale, (b) Capt. Shah Nawaz, (c) Capt. Premkumar Sehgal, (d) Lt. Guru-bux Singh Dhillon and (e) Lt.-Col. Laxmi Swaminathan.

50-52. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria—For (50) providing public conveniences at certain places in A and G Wards; (51) amending the Building Bye-laws requiring houseowners to provide approach steps to shops, etc., within private land, etc.; and (52) representing to the G.I.P. Railway Authorities to widen the platforms at Masjid Bunder Railway Station by acquiring certain land thereat.

53. From Mr. Mirza Akhtar Hasan—For representing to Government to take steps for regulating the impending retrenchments in the industrial and non-industrial concerns in the City.

54-55. From Mr. Khimji M. Bhujpuria—For (54) taking early steps for the development of Wards Nos. 18 and 19 (Parbhadevi-Worli and Chinchpokli-Love Grove); and (55) declaring ground floor rooms at the rear of a certain chawl at Sun Mill Road unfit for human habitation.

56-58. From Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji—For requesting the Commissioner to take steps to (56-57) improve the conditions of (56) North Brooke Gardens; (57) open gutters in Ward No. 5, Khara Talao Kumbharwada; and (58) circulate the monthly reports of the health propaganda carried on by the Health Department and the report regarding celebration of the Health Week in the City.

59. From Mr. B. J. Deorukhkar—For appointing a Committee to enquire into the incident relating to the alleged beating of an untouchable student in a Municipal School by a teacher.

60-63. From Mr. P. K. Savant—For (60) establishing in the City a commercial museum of indigenous articles, etc.; (61) amending the Shops and Establishments Act of 1939 so as to provide for the compulsory registration of Establishments coming under the purview of the Act; (62) strengthening the outdoor inspection staff of the Shops and Establishments Department; and (63) requiring all establishments coming under the purview of the Shops and Establishments Act to maintain registers, etc., to be supplied by the Municipality.

64. From Mr. S. G. Songaonkar, seconded by Mr. P. K. Savant—For providing 'Nahanis' and sanitary conveniences in Municipal chawls at Sukhalaji Street.

65-67. From Mr. S. S. Mirajkar—For (65) obtaining a report from the Commissioner regarding the recent fatal incidents of house collapses in the Fort area of the City; (66) improving the unhealthy condition of the labour camp at Matunga and (67) changing the name of Kamathipura Streets and calling them "Telugupura."

68-70. From Mr. P. M. Chinai—For representing to Government (68) to strengthen all the branches of the Police Department with a view to dealing with the increasing nefarious activities in the City, etc.; and (69) to arrange for a regular supply of cocoanut oil in the City; and (70) providing a traffic island in Churchgate Street Extension between Churchgate Station and Industrial and Prudential Assurance Buildings.

71. From Mr. I. S. Patel—For creating a post of a Labour Officer in the Municipality.

72-73. From Mr. P. K. Savant—For providing in Municipal Hospitals (72) Radio sets; and (73) Newspapers, journals, etc.

74. From Mr. Naushir C. Bharucha—For expressing the Corporation's views against the Government proposal to levy a Sales Tax, etc.

75. From Mr. Mancherji E. Joshi—For removing a shed used as a cycle repair shop at the junction of Firdousi Road, Sewri Cross Road, etc., at Wadala.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY,
Municipal Secretary.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 21st December, 1945. (5999)

In the matter of the INDIAN COMPANIES ACT VII OF 1913 and
In the matter of Messrs. MINOCHER MOTILAL Ltd., (In Vol. Liq.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 208 E of the Indian Companies Act of 1913 that a General Meeting of the members of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at 22, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay, on the 2nd day of February, 1946, at 3 P. M. (S. T.) for the purpose of having an account laid before them showing the manner in which the winding up has been completed and the property of the Company disposed of and of hearing an explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also determining by an extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books of accounts, documents etc. of the company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1945.

D. D. SHROFF,
Liquidator. 5992

NOTICE

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DISPOSALS
(DISPOSALS DIRECTORATE)

TENDERS ARE INVITED for the purchase of the following stores available at Central Ordnance Depot, Cawnpore.

1.	Asbestos Yarn 12 thread	4,000 lbs.
2.	Asbestos Cloth 1/16"	900 lbs. & 71,980 Sq. ft.
3.	Asbestos Cloth Wire Woven 1/8" ...	1,400 lbs.
4.	Asbestos Cloth Wire Woven 3/8" ...	6,700 lbs
5.	Asbestos M 1 1 1 — Board 1/8" ...	6,000 lbs.
6.	Asbestos Cloth Wire Woven ¼" ...	2,500 lbs.

2. The goods will be sold without guarantee of their condition and subject to the conditions of the contract laid down in form Con. 117 which can be seen at the offices of the Controllers of Supplies (Disposals Branch) at Calcutta, Bombay, Madras, Cawnpore, Karachi and Lahore and Director of Disposals, New Delhi.

3. Samples can be seen at any of the offices mentioned in para 2 above. The stores can also be inspected at site on permits to be issued by the Director of Disposals, New Delhi, on request.

4. Offers in tenderer's own form in a sealed cover superscribed "Tender No. DGD/SR-1779/TEX" should be accompanied by a deposit at call receipt for Rs. 300/- deposited as earnest money in the Imperial or Reserve Bank of India or a Government Treasury in favour of Director of Disposals, New Delhi.

5. Tender should reach Director of Disposals, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, by 4 P.M. on 2-1-1946.

6. Offers should remain open for acceptance upto 25-1-1946.

7. Delivery of the stores will be ex-site and removal should be completed by 25-1-1946.

8. Tenderers are at liberty to quote for the entire quantity or a portion thereof.

9. Rates should be quoted per sqr. ft. in respect of item 2 and per lb. in respect of the others 5923

NOTICE.

A FEW TEMPORARY POSTS of Assistants, Clerks and Typists are to be filled in the office of the Chief Engineer, Post War Reconstruction, to be newly opened in Poona in January 1946, in the following grades:—

(1) Rs. 170-10-250,
(2) Rs. 135- 5-180,
(3) Rs. 95- 5-115,
(4) Rs. 70- 5- 95,
(5) Rs 50-5/2-70.

Minimum educational qualification is Matriculation of Bombay University or equivalent thereof. For (1), (2) and (3) Graduates will be preferred and for (4) and (5) typing knowledge considered additional qualification.

2. Candidates from Muslim and Backward classes who are natives of the Bombay Province, will be given preference.

Age Limit:—28 years on 1st February 1946 for direct recruits. No age limit for persons already in permanent Government service.

3. Appointments are temporary for three years but are likely to be continued further.

Applications stating community age, qualifications and experience should be marked "For Chief Engineer (Post War Reconstruction)" and submitted with copies of testimonials, so as to reach "The Secretary to Government, Public Works Department Secretariat, Fort, Bombay, "on or before the 5th January 1946 6965

PUBLIC NOTICES

ARCHITECTURAL COMPETITION

BENGAL CENTRAL BANK LTD. CALCUTTA

Competitive designs are invited from Architects (who would be prepared to carry out the final commission) for a modern office building on Clive Street, Calcutta, under conditions approved by the R. I. B. A., and its allied society the I. I. A.

Conditions of the competition can be obtained, on application, from the Managing Director at 86, Clive Street, Calcutta.

Applications should be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 10/- which will be refunded to the competitors submitting a bonafide design or if the documents are returned within four weeks before the date for the submission of designs.

1st premium Rs. 5,000/-
2nd premium Rs. 2,000/-
3rd premium Rs. 1,000/-

The Assessor for the competition is

Mr. JOHN INNES, A.R.I.B.A., A.R.I.A.S.,
Government Architect, Bengal.

The last date for receiving applications is 31st January, 1946. (5964)

ORDER

Finance Department (Supply)
Bombay Castle, 18th December, 1945.

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES

No. 455/IV-D—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of rule 81 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay is pleased to amend the Bombay Firewood Trade Licensing Order 1944, as follows, namely:—

After clause 7 of the said Order the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"7A—PRODUCER TO COMPLY WITH DIRECTIONS FOR CUTTING AND REMOVING TREES IN FOREST. Every person who holds a producer's licence under this Order shall comply with such directions as may from time to time be given to him by the licensing authority of the officer designated by it in this behalf regulating the manner in which he shall cut and remove trees in any forest which he is otherwise entitled to cut and remove for producing firewood."

With reference to sub-rule (1) of rule 119 of the Defence of India Rules the Government of Bombay is pleased to direct that notice of the above order should be given by

(a) the publication of the same in the Bombay Government Gazette;
(b) issue of a press note summarising and explaining its provisions;
(c) the publication of the same in the following newspapers:
(1) Times of India, (2) Bombay Chronicle, (3) Free Press Journal, (4) Morning Standard, (5) Navakal, (6) Vividha Vritta, (7) Jame-Jamshed, (8) Bombay Samachar, (9) Mumbai Vartaman, (10) Samyukta Karnatak, (11) Kesari, (12) Dnyan Prakash, (13) Ajmal, (14) Roznam-e-Khilafat;
(d) affixing copies of the same to notice boards in revenue offices in the Districts and by announcing by beat of drum that copies have been so affixed; and
(e) supplying copies thereof to the following Associations:

1. The Bombay Firewood Commission Agents' Association, Kanji Hall, Bombay Central Railway Yard, near Mahalaxmi Station, Jacob Circle Bombay 11.
2. The Bombay Firewood Merchants' Association, c/o Mr K. T. Dalvi, opposite Congress House, Badam Wadi V. Patel Road, Bombay
3. The Bombay Suburban Retail Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Association, Juhu Road, Vile Parle, B.S.D.
4. The Bombay Retail Firewood Merchants' Association, Arthur Road, Bombay 12.
5. The Thana Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Association, Thana.
6. The Charcoal and Firewood Dealers' Licence Holders' Association, Thana.
7. The Firewood and Charcoal Merchants' Association, Kalyan, District Thana
8. The Vasi, Pardi, Bulsar Timber and Firewood Merchants' Association, Station Road, Surat.
9. The Firewood Merchants' Association (Supply Co.) Station Road, Surat.
10. The Firewood Vepari Mandal Galemandi, Dalia Sheri Surat.
11. The Bagalkot Firewood Dealers' Association, Bagalkot, District Bijapur.
12. The Firewood Merchants' Association, Hubli
13. The Firewood and Charcoal Merchants' Association Amalner, District East Khandesh
14. The Firewood and Charcoal Merchants' Association Jalgaon, District East Khandesh.

By order of the
Governor of Bombay,
A. D. GORWALA,
Secretary to Government. 598

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following posts:

(1) One Head Draftsman:—Rs. 250-10-300-10-350.
(2) Two Senior Draftsmen:—Rs. 150-6-180 E.B.—10-250: or Rs. 200-10-300 as admissible.
(3) Two Tracers:—Rs. 40-5/2-75 (E.B.)—5/2-90; or Rs. 51-3-75-4-95 as admissible
(4) One Ferro-Printer:—Rs 40-5/2-90 E.B at Rs. 75/-.
(5) Six Supervisors:—Rs. 70-5-150 E.B. 10-200 plus a special pay of Rs 15/- or 20% of the pay drawn by the individual whichever is greater.

Dearness and War allowance will be paid as admissible from time to time.

AGE LIMIT: 25 years. May be relaxed in case of persons in Government service or having previous experience.

QUALIFICATIONS: For (1) Engineering Degree from a Government recognized Institute or Licentiateship in Civil Engineering or qualified from a recognized Government Institute as Draftsman with at least 10 years' practical experience. For (2) Qualified from a recognized Institute with about 5 years' experience as a Draftsman except in case of a Diploma or Degree holder from a Government recognized Institution. For (3 & 4) A minimum of two years' experience in the line. Matriculates will be preferred. For (5) Qualified as Overseer from a Government recognized Institute.

GENERAL: Candidates already in Government service may apply through proper channel. Cases of retired hands will also be considered provided they are physically fit. Preference will be given to persons with irrigation experience and/or having war service Higher initial start may be given to specially deserving candidates

Selected candidates will be employed on a temporary basis in the first instance with the possibility of their being confirmed.

Applications stating full particulars of qualifications, age, community, technical qualifications, war service and previous experience with copies of testimonials should reach the undersigned not later than the 15th January, 1946.

(Sd.) A. N. KHOSLA,
Chairman,
Central Waterways, Irrigation & Navigation Commission, 'L' Block, New Delhi 5983

B. B. & C. I. RLY.
LAHORE EXPRESS.

WITH EFFECT from December 30th the Delhi Express leaving Bombay Central daily at 20-00 hours will run through to Lahore via Bhatinda. Similarly with effect from January 1st the North Western Express leaving Lahore daily at 7-50 hours for Delhi via Bhatinda will run through to Bombay Central. Both trains will travel over the B. B. C. I. Railway to their present advertised timings.

This train service will in future be known as the LAHORE EXPRESS. 5966

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